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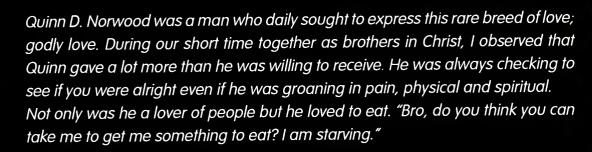
Quinn D. Norwood







There is a peculiar type of love that one every now and then encounters. This love can be at times disturbing, inconvenient, overbearing, overprotective, seemingly rude and suffocating, uncomfortable, and downright annoying. It is a love that we perhaps are far too unfamiliar with. A love recognizing that it is better to give than to receive. Quite simply, a love that is strictly other-centered. This no doubt is the love of Jesus Christ.



He loved hymns and prayer. I remember late nights in Peterson Hall, gathering together in Andrew Nixon's room singing hymns and praying fervently. Quinn would always begin his prayers with a song. "Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, Just to take Him at His word." He would often tell me after these prayer seasons, "Richard, you all just don't know what that does for me."

He loved Ford hall. Quinn was the EAP, the Executive Assistant to the President. He took pride in that job along with many other things: his family, his friends, the choir, men's ministry, the church, and the list goes on.

I never knew what a jewel of a friend I had. I must admit, I did not appreciate him the way I should have. The lesson learned: love friends above the ground and there will be no regrets when they're under.

Yes, I dare say that Quinn was a vessel of this peculiar, Christian love. I had the privilege of being a recipient of it. It is my desire to share it with others as he did.





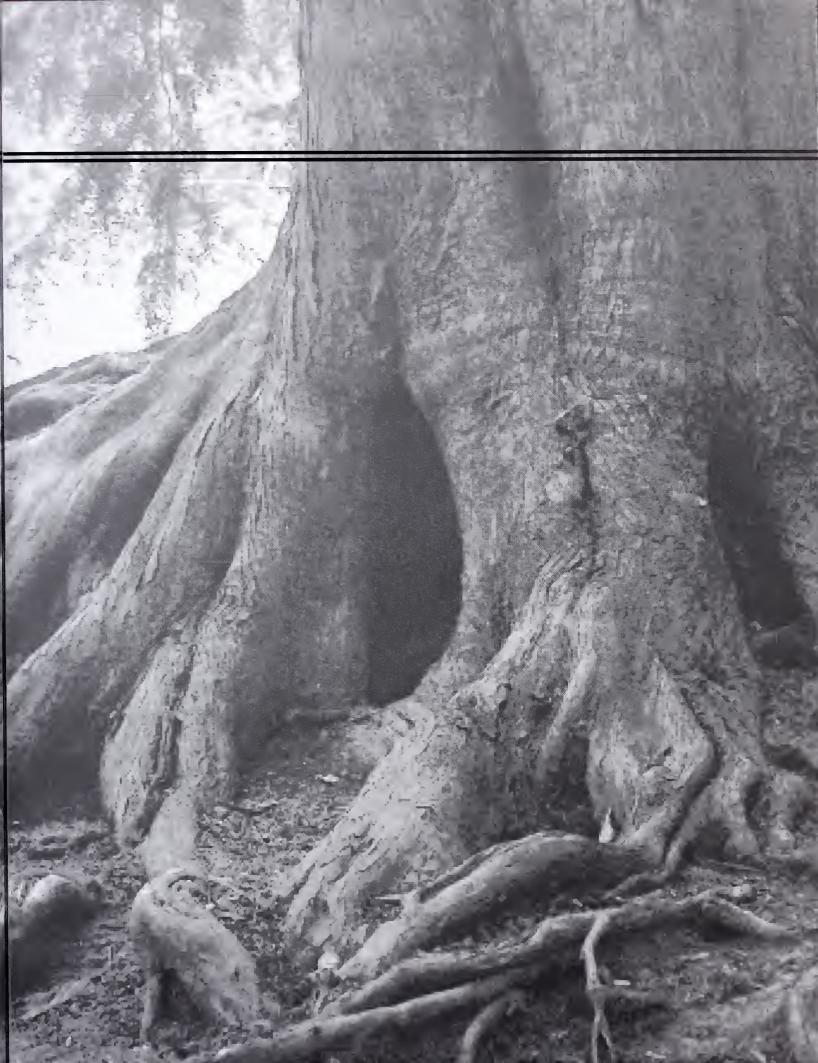


Richard D. Martin

From the Ground Up Preface

Upon arrival at Oakwood, everything that helped us reach this point is carried inside of us. Here we are immersed in situations that will help to shape our physical, social, mental and spiritual being in ways that will guide and assist us in our growth and in fulfilling the plan that God has for us. As we matriculate through Oakwood, just as acorns, we adapt to new environments as we attempt to thrive. Later seedlings emerge, breaking new ground and stepping out, becoming vulnerable to the pressures of the world. In time, situations and circumstances arise to refine and nurture us into the young trees we see struggling to grow in size and increase in maturity. At the end of our journey we find that once we've fully anchored ourselves in good relationships and rooted ourselves in Christ, we peak, and emerge into the great oaks that God intended for us to be.

- Edward "Ivey" Goodman IV





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UNITED STUDENT MOVEMENT

A Word From Our President

My Degrest Oakwood,

These last few months have been life changing. I greet you with mixed emotions as my time here at the "Oaks" comes to an end. I am happy because I have reached the milestone that we all are striving for, but it means I must leave what has become a family to me. That being said, I thank you for the opportunity to serve you these last two years and I pray that it's been as much of a growing experience for you as it's been for me.

The theme of this book sums up our experiences: "Metamorphosis". Some freshmen gained the fifteen pounds and don't even know where it came from so quickly. Others have lost weight due to the taste quality in our memorable cafeteria. A great number of us have grown in ways that we will once again be surprised with, once we get back home and realize the lack of growth we see



ANTHONY PASCHAL
USM PRESIDENT

there. Truly, there is something to this "enter to learn, depart to serve" thing. Whether we chose it or fought it, as hard as we try, we cannot deny the metamorphosis that has begun in our lives.

Our USM theme this year was "One Body, One Mind". It was our gool as a your representatives to foster a community on this campus that would restore the sense of pride and ownership in our institution. Even if there were things out of our control, we could always come together, freeling each others' concerns as our own in order to get the experience that we expected. We are one body with a unified mind to place the needs of others above our own. May God continue to bless you in your journey through life. Phil. 2:5 Sincerely,

Anthony Wayne Paschal Jr.,
President, United Student Movement



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a Word From the Dice President

Without the Senate there could be no USM, and without a strong Vice President there would not be an effective Senate. In the tradition of other strong Vice Presidents, my primary goal this year was the improvement of customer service in general; increased accountability and cooperation between departments of our University. Was I successful? I believe so, but I'll be back next year to see the record speak for itself. To close, a big thank you to our administration for cooperating with us, and a congratulations to all of the Senate districts, especially the newly formed Holland Hall District.

-marcus cooper

The Presidential Address . . .

The theme in this year book is "metamorphosis." 2008 has been just that for Oakwood University. We've experienced metamorphosis in a variety of new and historic ways. In fact, 2008 may very well go down in history as one of Oakwood University's most significant and monumental years—a paradigm changer. So many significant things happened with the faculty, staff and student body and with the campus itself. Here is a list that arguably could be the top 10 events in 2008. A true metamorphosis in Oakwood's history!

- 1. Graduate Education SACS authorization that allowed Oakwood to begin offering graduate programs, namely: the Masters of Arts in Pastoral Studies (MAPS).
- 2. Name Change As of 2008 Oakwood transitioned from Oakwood College to Oakwood University.
- 3. National Distinction Oakwood University won three significant awards: Honda Campus AllStar Challenge; Ambassadors won the US Collegiate Athletic Association National BasketballChampionship; Oakwood was identified as the SAIC Historically Black College (HBC) of the year.
- 4. Highest Enrollment with 1865 students.
- 5. Financial solvency In spite of economically tough times, Oakwood experienced a banner year for financial progress and commendable audit status.
- 6. Significant Construction The completion of Holland Hall & Bradford-Cleveland-Brooks Leadership Center (BCBLC); Infrastructure Improvements New roads (Academic Lane, University Lane, E. C. Ward Drive), sidewalks, parking, and various renovation projects.
- 7. Outstanding Fundraising Sodexho gift investment of \$5 million; Running for Scholarship program raises record scholarship and endowment funds for the institution. Together the 50 states for students and the seven continents for students program was responsible for more than \$100,000 for student scholarships.
- 8. Historic Event Election of Barack Obama, an African American, as the 44th President of the U.S. Finally, an era ends with the passing of Dr. and Mrs. Garland Millet, the fifth Presidential team in Oakwood's history.

So there you have it: Oakwood University, a true organizational metamorphosis. God continue to bless Oakwood's students, faculty and staff in the days and years ahead.



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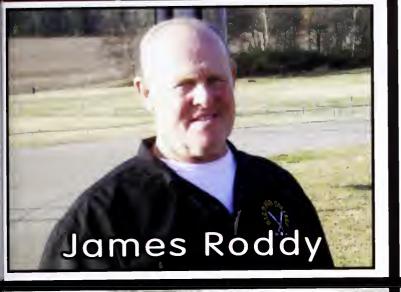
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what has changed since you first began working at oakwood?

what do you like and enJoy the most about Oakwood?





Athletics/Professor Health and P.E. Dept.

EST. 1965

Office Manager (Carter Hall)
Assistant (Wade)

EST. 1993

- * Now there are more than 400 students
- *We only participated in intramural games
- *The was ONE basketball court
- *Flag-football (Fall), Basketball (Winter)
 Volleyball/Softball/Soccer/Tennis intramural games.
- *Basketball team was established in the LATE 80's, and called "Oakwood College All-Stars"
- *The name "Ambassadors" added in the EARLY 90's

(LATE 90's, the Lady team is established)

*Lady Ambassadors now win approximately HALF of their season games (2007-08)

- *Worships were primarily BIBLE based
- *Freshmen/Sophomore-Needed 5 worship credits (13 Opportunities)
- *Juniors/Seniors-Needed 4 worship credits
- *Graduating Seniors-Needed 2 worship credits
- *Secular entertainment was NOT allowed.

(Music, Movies, etc.)

- *Disciplinary actions took the place of cash fines
- *Worship credit was available ONLY in the dorms or Prayer Meeting

- * "This is my home, my family"
- *The music/academics/worship services
- *Having a stronger athletics department
 (\Volleyball/Soccer/Women's Softball being added)
- *Future of the department (Tennis, Golf, Men's Softball)

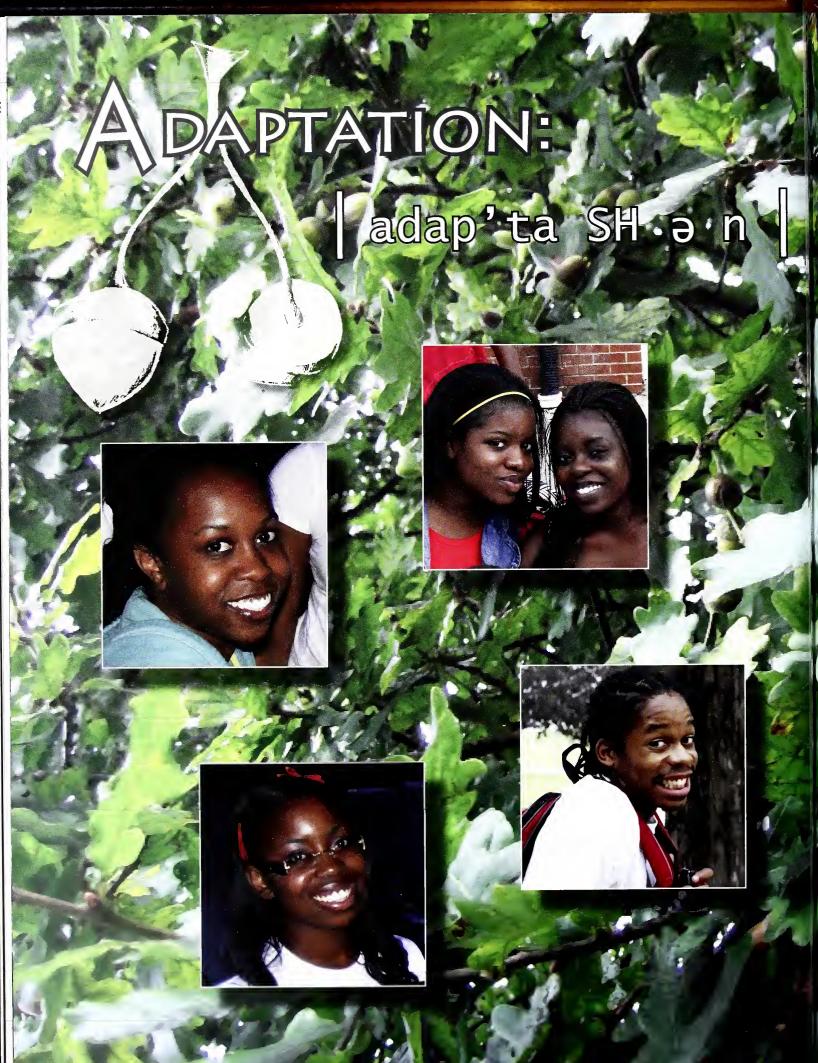
- *Interacting with students
- *Being the longest working female in Dorms on campus.
- * "Students have taught me a lot. They taught me how to handle things with love."
- * "The students helped me learn what the Bible says about service in love, through the life of Christ."
- * "I love the students that are the underdogs."

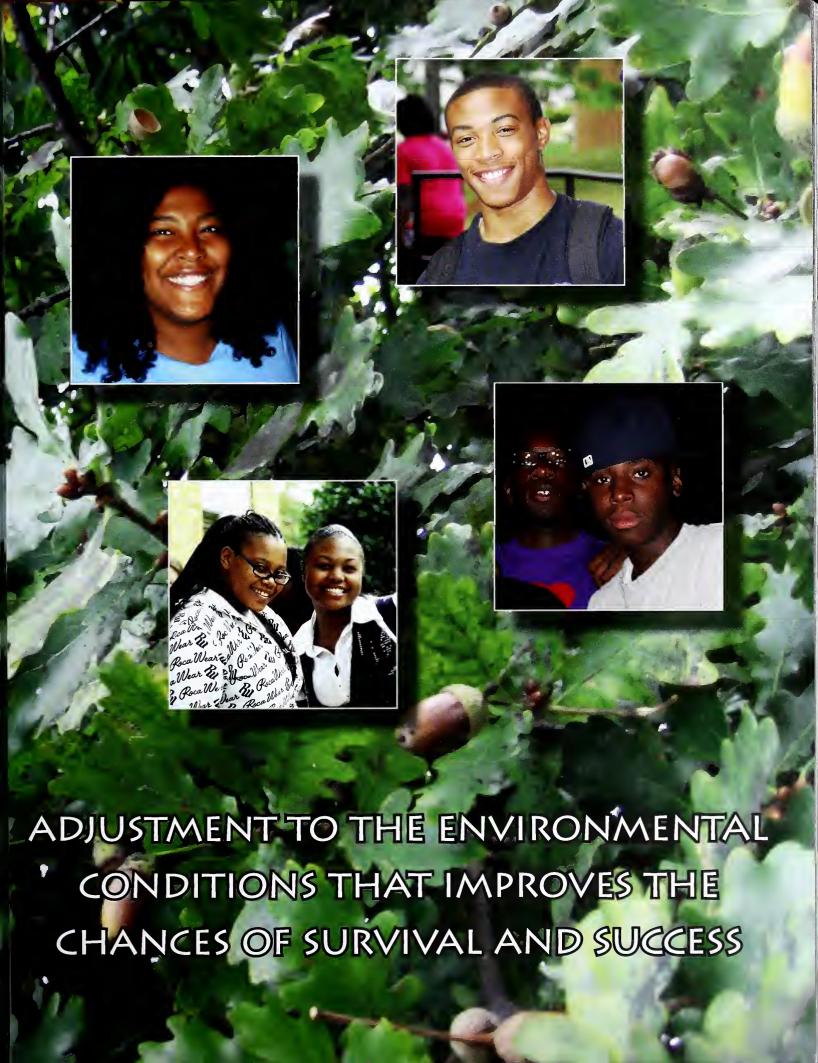
Growing Pains

Vulnerable and fragile, tossed by the breeze Not knowing where to go or whence it came. Overeast and shrouded by other trees Begins an uncertain journey where nothing's the same. So timid, so insecure with a center so precious but a shell so thin, Disturbed and moved with the passing winds, All the while searching for somewhere to settle in. Some places too harsh, nourishment sucked dry Some places too littered; no space to occupy. Frightened, dismayed by the tempest; If enlightened; realize that it is needed for progress. Discouraged by the woes and brought to sorrow Not realizing the holes make it possible to grow. If only it would acknowledge its own fragility And stop relying on its own ability The discouragement and sorrow it would deter And its journey henceforth be much better. Finding a foundation that would nourish It would be supplied for by a source so rich. Even though fragile, it contains much potential But finding good ground is what's essential. The acorn, small and light, with a wonder in the middle Howisbecomes what it can be is actually no riddle. Finding good, enriched foundation, it finds a home From this place the seed of this acorn is grown It needs waters from heaven, or the ground will become rough. The precious seed needs one more thing for complete nourishment,

It also needs light to begin its ascent. Asit grows and its root begins to form This little seed changes its norm. Remaining as precious as the day it was given birth Now this not so little seed starts to expand in the earth. Its roots grow longer and its foundation stronger not only does it grow up, but out also; Changing from a miniscule body to a mighty torso. The torso isnitall it needs But branches as well to create other seeds. Now the seed is grounded and nourished from on high But it must do one more thing to enhance the light from the sky. It must expose its leaves so others can see I once was a seed, but now amatree. Roots so grounded, they cannot be moved No matter the tempest because my roots have been proved. Once I was easily moved, easily grieved, But now I am strong, because of the nourishment received. Same precious interior, but now a stronger defense Rich and hard, beautiful and dense. My branches ever growing and farther they go An example of endurance for others to show. On my branches others seeds are nourished They take flight so others can flourish. I am glad early on I was blown and provoked Because once I was a seed but now am an oak.

Terome Miller-Whyte





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- I am adjusting well to college life, and am not letting too many tihngs take me by surprise. I just hope to meet new people and network those that will help me succeed.
- My semester has been pretty enjoyable so far. I have gotten into a routine and am taking everything one day at a time.
- I believe that I am beginning to understand the voice of God speaking to me. Also, I am learning what and what not to do in regards to studying. I'm also learning how to make decisions about the kinds of people I should surround myself with.
- I started this year as a Biology major. Now I am pursuing a double major in Piano Performance and Healthcare Administration. I believe that God is leading me to pursue my dreams as a musician, so I have decided to let Him lead and face this new challenge with a resolute mindset.
- A major lesson I've learned is that procrastination is very harmful to my success. Also, college is much easier when youo're trying to do what's right. I still suffer from slight procrastination now and then, but I'm doing much better. I am hoping and praying that my matriculation through Oakwood will continue to be enjoyable and that I continue to follow the will of God.



Lawrence Brown

FRESHMAN

- My plans for college are to grow mentally and spiritually, and maybe even meet my husband. I do believe however, that my biggest issue with college will be time management.
- I chose Oakwood because I knew that I needed to be surrounded by opportunities to get closer to God. I am currently on working on getting up for church. My favorite form of worship is Friday night AYS. I'm a praise and worship kind of girl.
- The first month or so of school was both a success and a failure. I the beginning, I didn't really pay attention as much as I should have. I've since then realized that I need to buckle down.
- When finals come around I do get nervous. I tend to study a little every day so that it will be easier for me come finals day. I plan on returning to Oakwood next semester so I can learn more. I plan on being on top of my game this time around because I'll know what to expect.



HOLLAND HALL

New Kids on the Block



Male students returned this year to find a brand new dorm waiting for them to occupy. Equipped with a game and exercise area, lobbies, and cable television; both freshmen and upperclassmen filled this residence to capacity in its opening year. Named in honor of the Holland family for their dedication to Oakwood, this dorm is the newest addition to the Oakwood campus. Home to approximately 300 males, this dorm comfortably places students in a cozy setting as a home away from home.





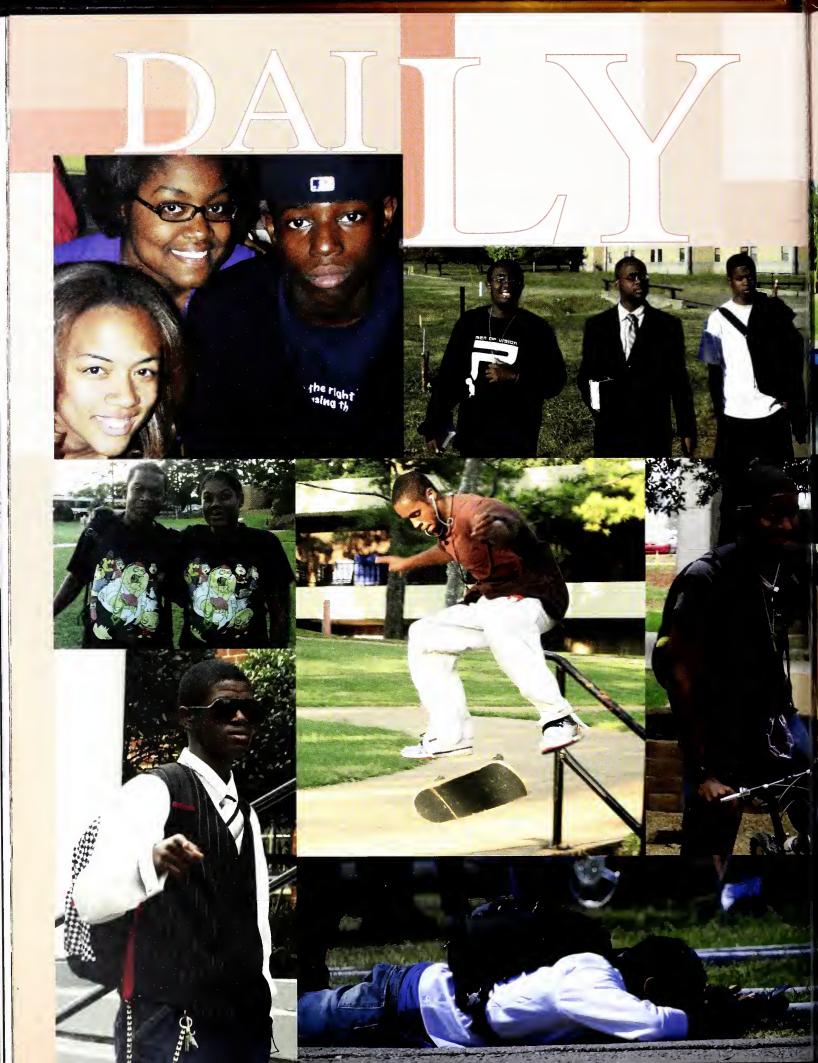


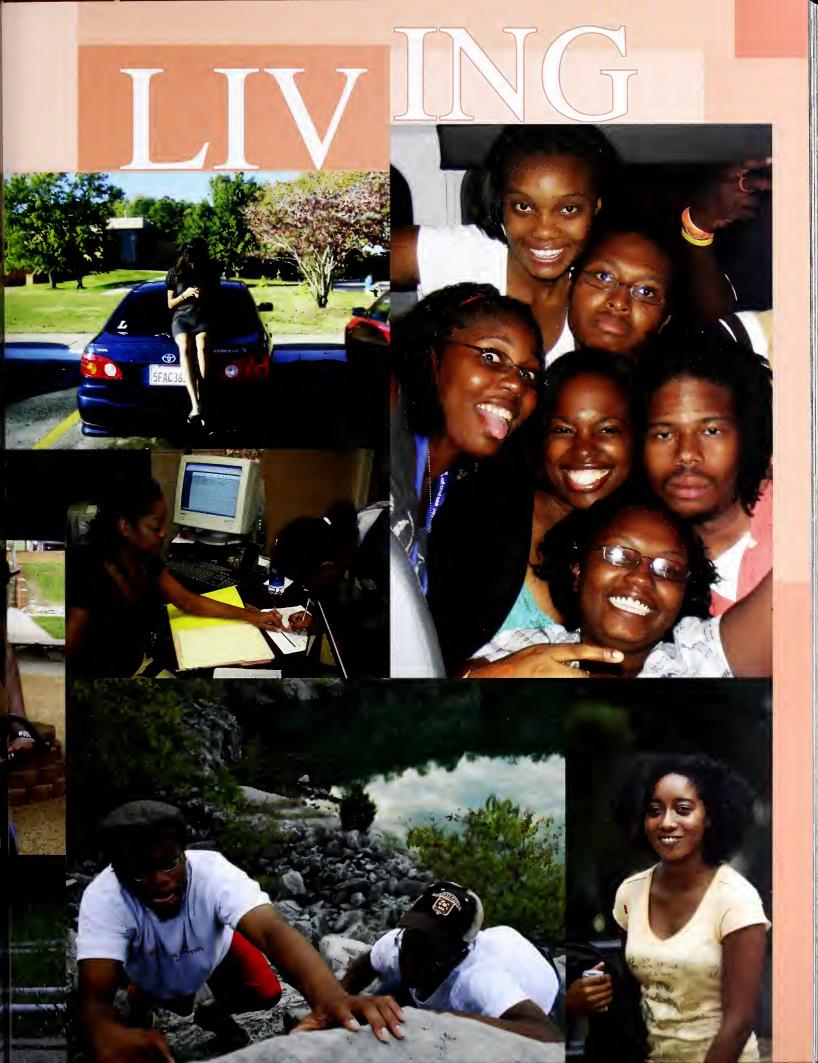


A Moment of Silence . . .

students celebrated the As of opening a new men's residence, the doors of Peterson Hall came to a close, bringing the end of an era to this dorm. Originally a women's residence hall, Peterson became the home to many freshmen males and females over the years. We pause for a moment to remember the good times we had at Peterson. "Oh, Peterson Hall, we will always remember you."















O.B. EDWARDS HALL

Men of Excellence

Generally housing upperclassmen, Edwards Hall stands along with its open architectural design. It is here that the Men of Excellence are produced. Traditionally known as the spot for domino tournaments, and VOT choir practices, Edwards Hall provides greater freedom for males after their freshman year spent in Peterson.

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BESSIE CARTER HALL

Women of Principle

ome to freshman women, Carter Hall is one of the oldest and most well-known dorms on campus. Here you can find four floors of energetic, new female faces, as well as new male faces waiting patiently on the front steps. This dorm marks the beginning of a female's journey through Oakwood University.

Adaptation



"...i like the cafe because i can eat as much as i want, but i like the style of the market only with more variety" - Jason

> "...when the cafeteria is on its game i'll there, but they don't always have their game up"

"...it's so homey and crowded and you get to see all you're friends, and they're all in a central location" - Jade

"...because its buffet style and you can get as much as you want " - Deangelo

"...because its a smaller frame of time and you're more likely to see your friends and eat with them." - Rischauna

"...because its theoretically unlimited in that the servers limit how much food you can get, although they don't stop you from getting seconds or thirds."

- Estepha



















"...i just feel more relaxed in the snack bar" - Lamar

"...because the markets food is way better, and the market is more like a chill spot" - Rontae

"...i enjoy the market more because everybody hangs there " - Noah

"...because the food is better, more variety and better quality" - Nathaniel

> "...because its more laid back " - Rayne'

"...they make the food in front of you, the variety is more suitable to my taste, better than the mystery meat of the Cafe"

- Joy

"...beceause more people are there and i can socialize" - Kayon

Adaptation



For women tired of living the "dorm life," the Annex is available. It offers single rooms, full kitchens and appliances, and the freedom to come and go as one pleases. Located in the back woods of Oakwood's campus, the Annex is perfect for those seeking a place more quiet and serene in which to go back when the day is done.

"Ladies of

THE ANNEX









step up from Carter Hall, here at Wade you will find the majority of the female upperclassmen. With fairly new furniture renovations and a working elevator, Wade Hall has heightened its class and is perfect for the more mature age groups.

Excellence"

TRULA E. WADE HALL











Chapel Service

It's Tuesday morning at 9:50...where are students going? They're going to the University Church, and for years that's been the traditional meeting place for Oakwood students during chapel. It's here that everyone can come together as a school, to receive important information and announcements and to worship. Programs in the past have varied from speakers, to plays, to USM elections. Anything is possible to happen at chapel, even the surprise appearance of a bat (for students who remember). Although students growl at the thought of attending chapel services

every week, they depend on these services to stay informed and have a time to worship together as a student body. Its through this time that the school can consecrate the new semester, celebrate Black History Month, or even honor students who have achieved academically. These types of chapel services are held every year and students anticipate what will happen. Even prominent people have appeared at chapel including Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., and, most recently, President-Elect Barack Obama...or his impersonator ast least.

by Stephen Spates























WEST OAKS

Steppin Outside the Gate

The spacious high life of west oaks; these apartments located just past the west gate of Oakwood have all of what a student could want. Impressive cable and adult freedom is the dish of the day at West Oaks. Any community is only as good as its members, and West Oaks goal is to form not only a community, but a family between the students that stay there.

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WRIGHT APARTMENTS

Further Down the Road

Leaving campus traveling down Adventist Boulevard, past West Oaks, and down Oakwood Drive will run you right into Wright Apartments where a small number of Oakwoodites also reside. Though not as large as Oakwoods other off-campus facilities, Wright Apartments still provide a sense of privacy and freedom from the usual dorm life at Oakwood.

Adaptation



erry the Calf

Who was the most popular guy on campus during the fall semster of 2008? Jerry, of course. "Jerry the Calf" enrolled anonymously into Oakwood University when he was abandoned by his caretaker and left to take care of himself. However once discovered and put under the care of Dr. Paul, Biology Department Chair and Professor, Jerry became a regular "student" on campus. Befriending many other students and faculty and quickly becoming a part of the campus.

Jerry's favorite hang out spot was the Simon of Cyrene Statue and he enjoyed running and playing wih passing pedestrians. Students traveling by Cooper Complex frequently ran into Jerry and made sure he was doing okay. Unfortunately, Jerry's time at Oakwood came to an abrupt end when it was requested that he be dismissed from the campus grounds. Students protested to save Jerry and keep him around, even starting the "Got Jerry???..." Facebook group.



However, concerns from those who shall remain nameless were enough to have Jerry separated from the premises. It is said that you can almost hear him walking around sometimes on your way to the math and science building...maybe one day he will come back and visit, just like the good ol' days.

-Stephen Spates



"I enjoyed having my devotions with him, even though he'd answer me with a 'Moooo."" -Jose Gaspar

"I liked him. He was very playful, like a puppy.
-Rhyanne Carrington

"Long live the walking hamburger." -Ronald Walker

"I'd have liked to be there to watch Jerry grow up. One day he'll be a majestic, raging bull." - David Fisher



OFF CAMPUS

housing



off campus housing is a grand

priviledge. This year, a vast majority of

Oakwoodites can be found living in the

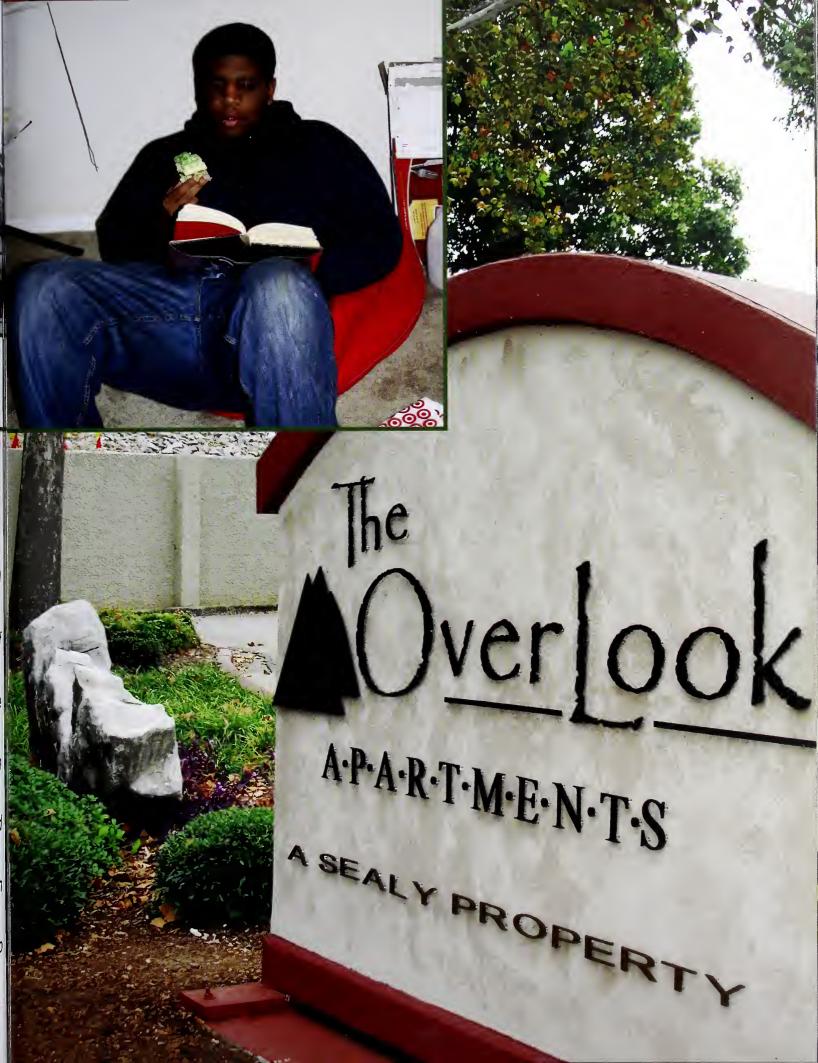
Overlook Apartments off of Sparkman

Drive. Not only is this residence large and

roomy, but it's only five minutes from

campus, allowing for a quick commute to

and from school.



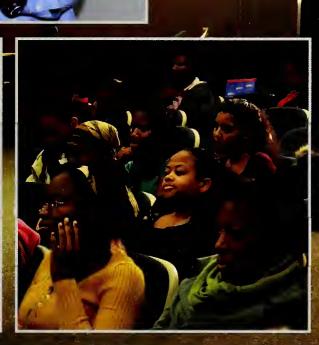
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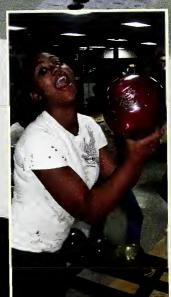
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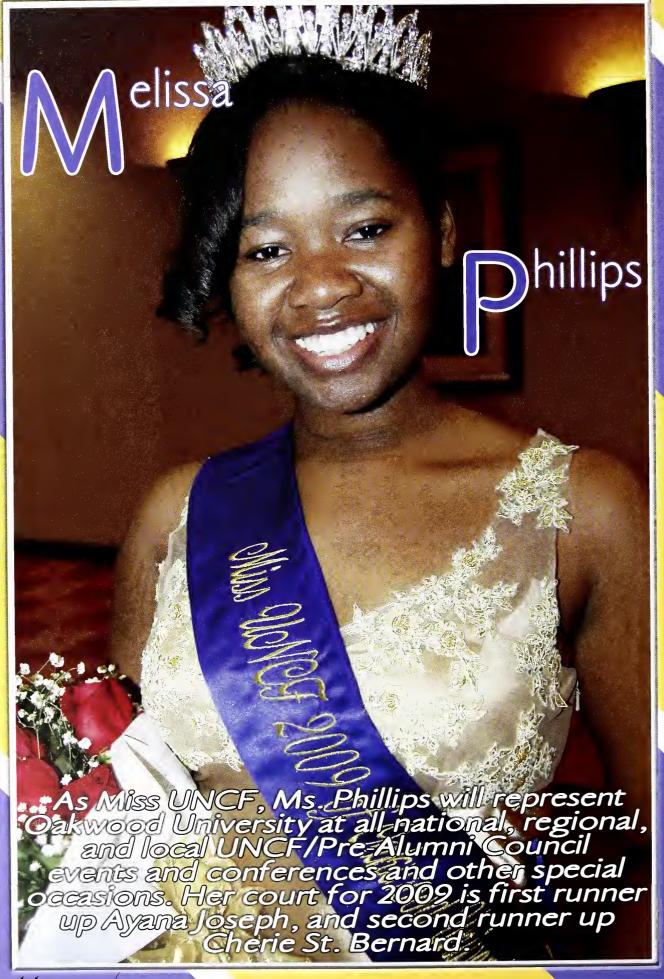






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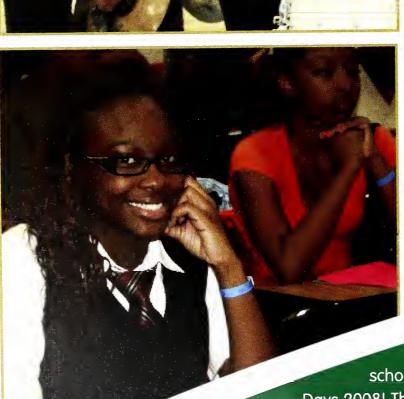


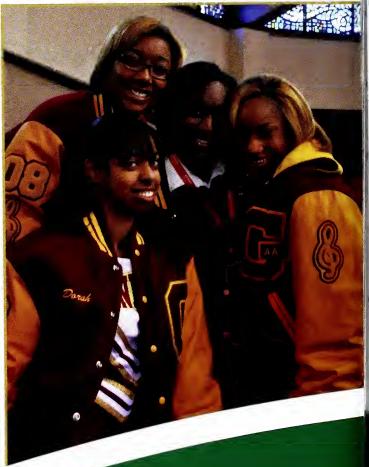


COLLEGE CAUS 2008









What happens when over 1,000 high school seniors arrive at Oakwood? Answer, College Days 2008! This annual event brings students from all over the U.S., and other countries, to the Oakwood Experience. For three days, students receive a glimpse of their future as Oakwood University students through tours, worship services, and visits to their various departments. By the time they leave, they have a great idea of what to expect, and anticipate their orientation in the fall.

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- Stephen Spates



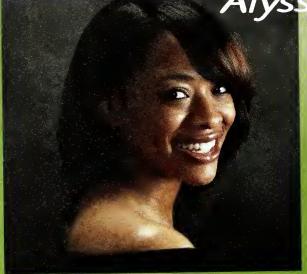








Alyssa Minisee



As Miss Oakwood 2009. Alyssa would see to Expand the Education Department and reach out to the science and math majors. She will do this through a program where science and math majors will participate in topic specific programs and experiments geared for elementary students. These courses would seek to encourage and inspire more interest and diversity through fun. It will also increase the representation of minorities and women.

Holly Marie Carrell

Holly has been published in scientific journals for her research with Oakwood's Chemistry department. She has been on the honor roll, dean's list, and is a part of Alpha Chi national honor society. As the next Miss Oakwood, Holly would like to improve the self-esteem and confidence of Oakwood's young ladies by providing programs that focus on personal and professional development.

Kendal J. Coopwood

Kendall is a senior Biochemistry major who plans on attending law school after graduation. As a third-generation Oakwoodite, Kendall is eager to represent a school that has played such a vital role in the development of her and her family members. Her favorite passage of scripture is Proverbs 3:5, 6 which is a constant reminder of her faith and future.

Every Season

Christine Jobson

Christine is a senior at Oakwood majoring in music education. She has been a member of Aeolians for four years. Through dedication and hard work, she earned first place in the junior women category of the Alabama state competition for the National Association for the Teachers of Singing (NATS) back in 2007. In September of this year, Christine was chosen to represent Oakwood as a member of the 105 Voices of History HBCU Choir. In the future, she plans to continue her education in graduate school.



Khyrista Valentine

As a 21 year old student, Khyrista is an active junior Biology major. With this she wants to continue her education as a medical doctor focusing on women health. As Miss Oakwood 2009, she will promote purity and self confidence among the virtuous women of Oakwood. She will ensure that the ladies can leave here upholding a harmonious development of mind, body, and spirit.

Mishay Shari Butler

Mishay is currently a Junior at Oakwood, on the Dean's List, ans majoring in English with a minor in Communication Arts. Upon completion of her degree she has aspirations of law school. As Miss Oakwood 2009, Mishay wants to raise the expectations of students and staff on campus, causing mediocrity to become a thing of the past, and every person on campus to strive for greatness.

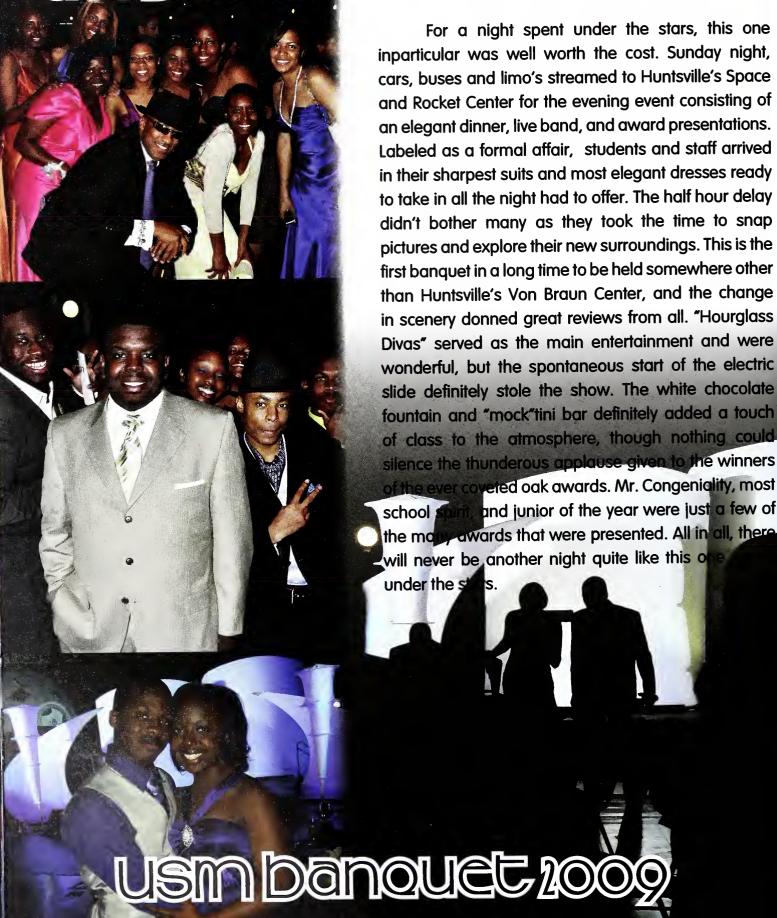
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Christine Tobson



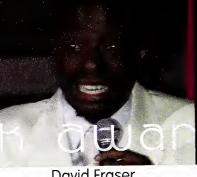
anight under the stars







Joy Norman Freshman of the Year



David Fraser Sophomore of the Year

d winners

Morgan McGhee Junior of the Year

Michelle Spencer Senior of the Year









Martine Cadet Best Hair



Richard Martin Most Spiritual



Nelson Pugh Most School Spirit



Michael Hiller Best Smile











Anthony & Teiko Paschal Best Couple

Demia Tunis Best Dressed

Michael Johnson Mr. Congeniality

Trudy Frazer Miss. Congeniality



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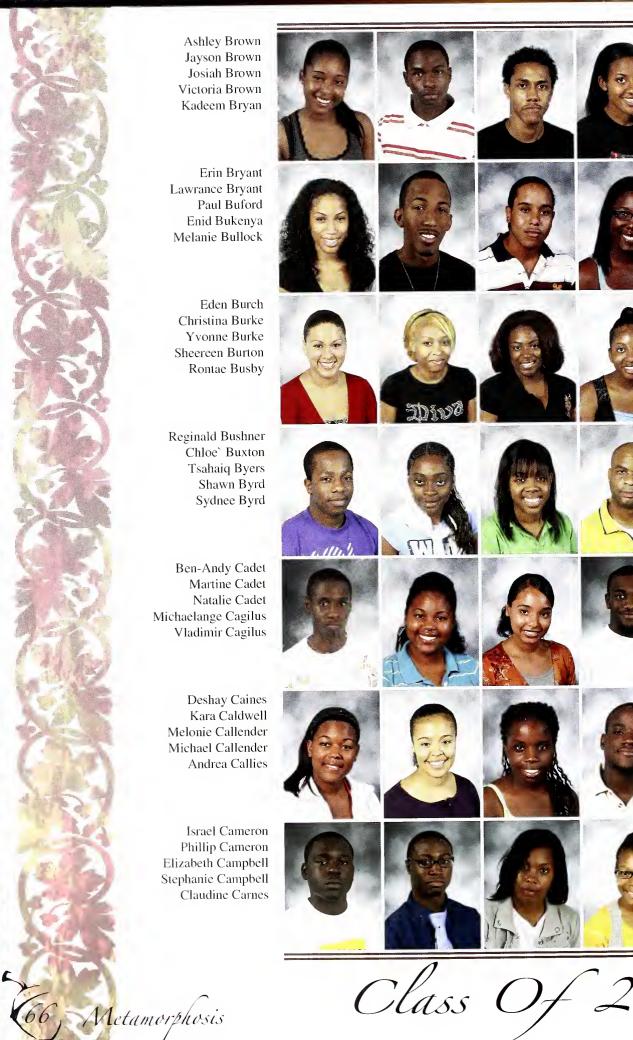
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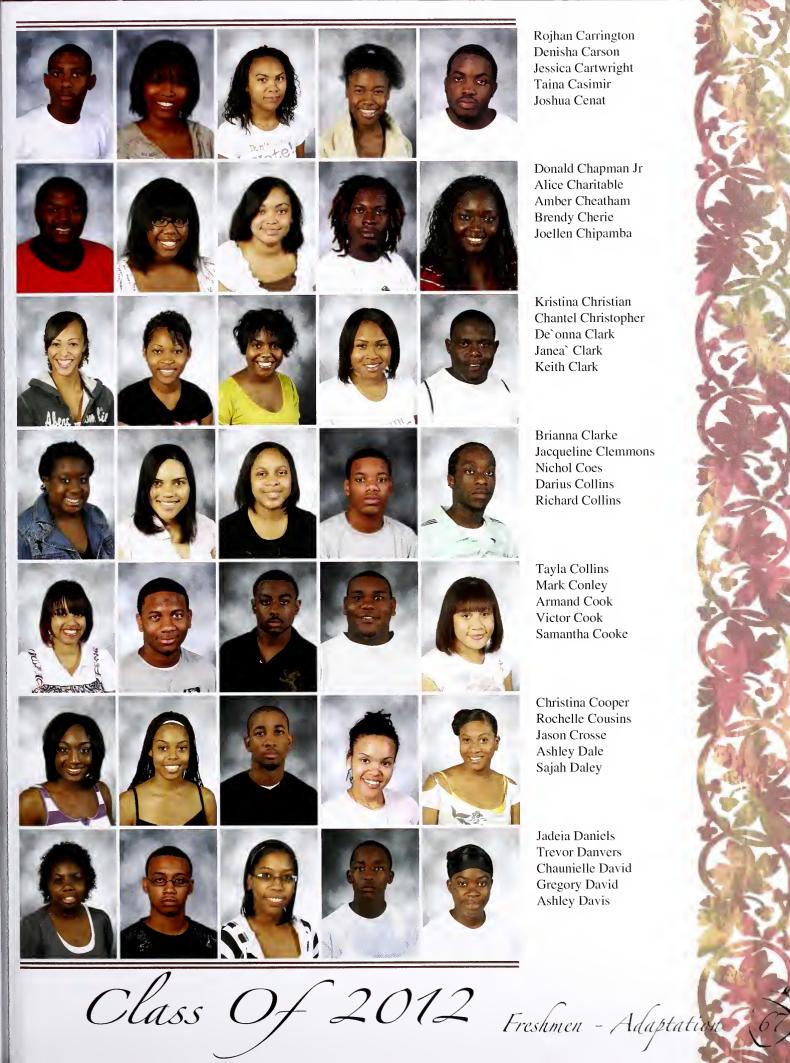
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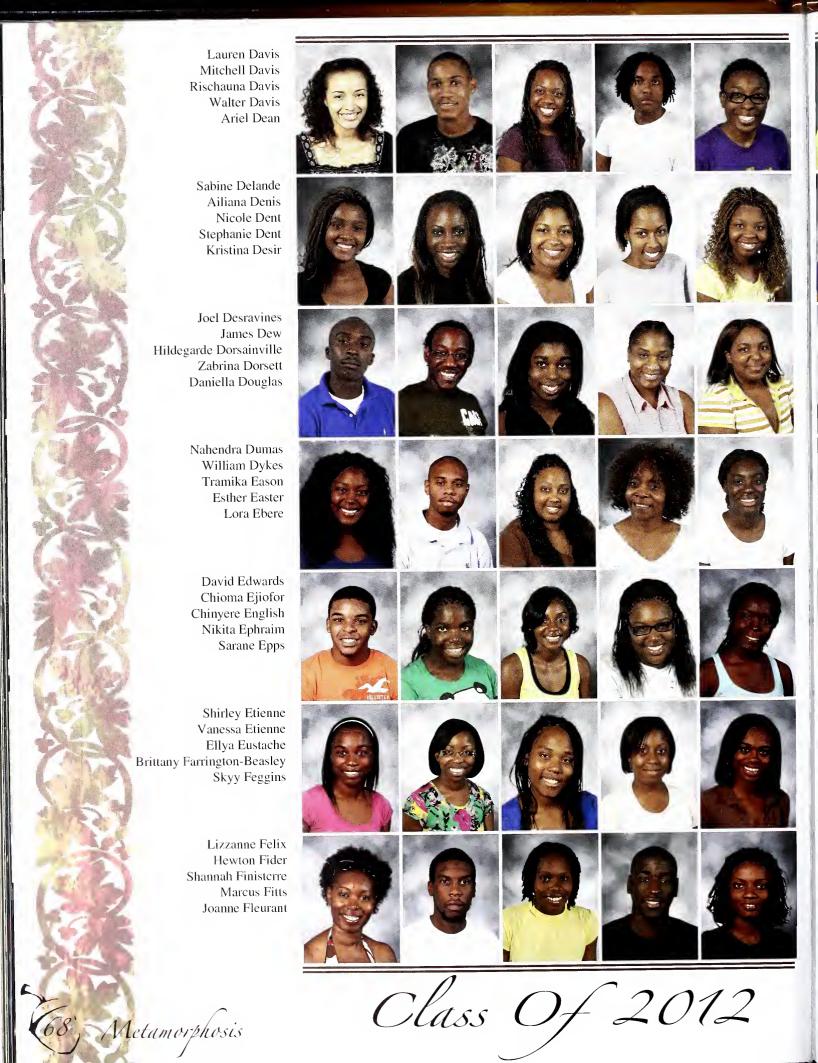
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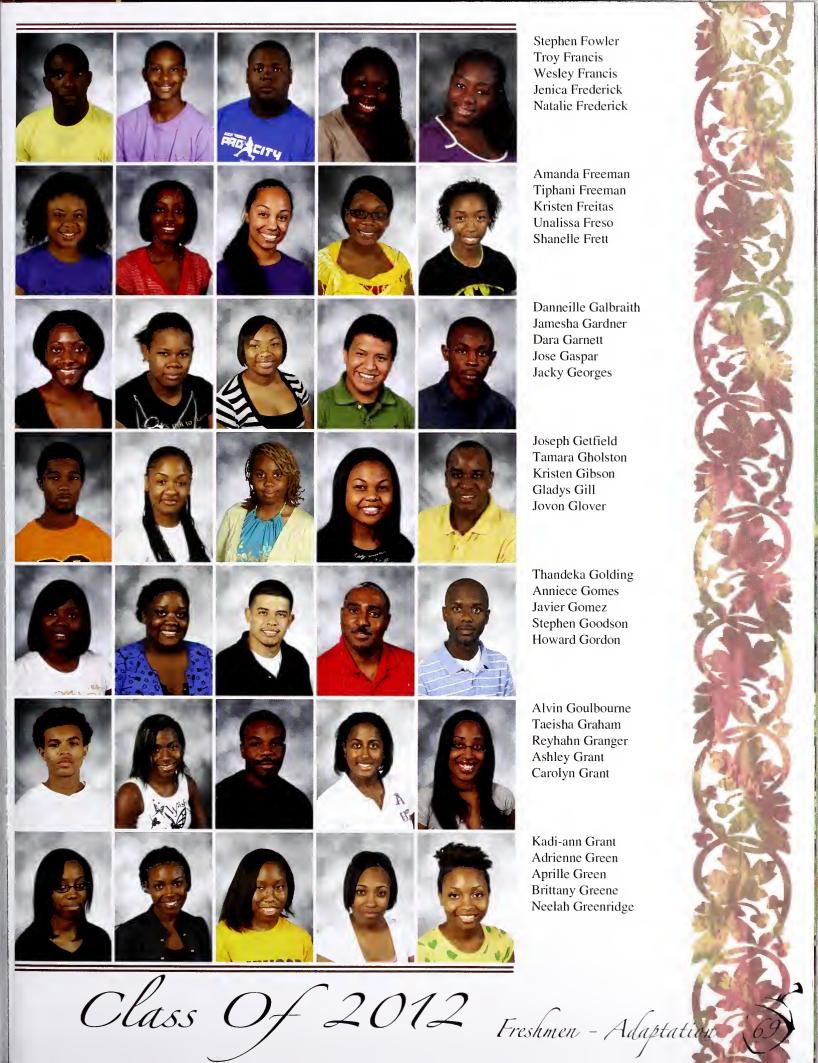
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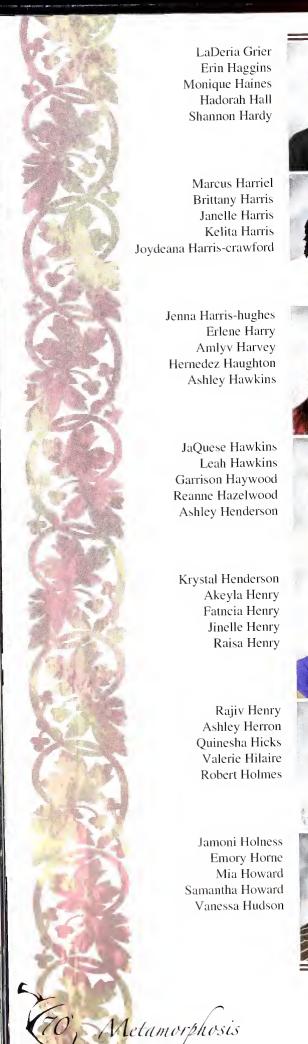
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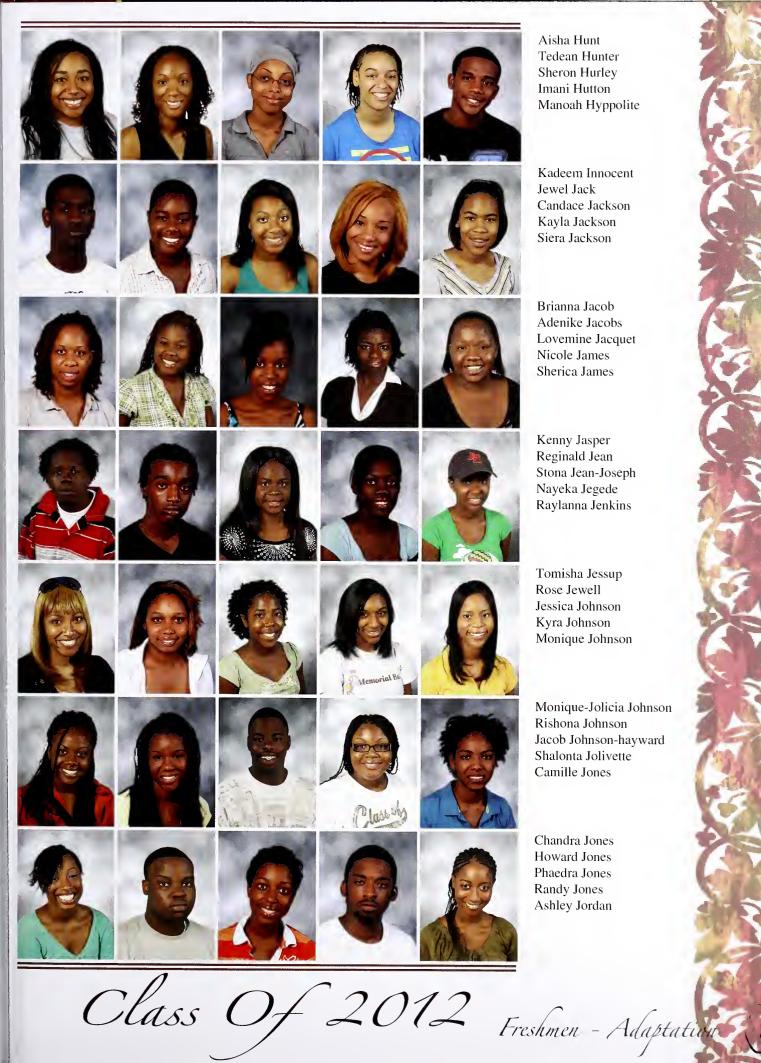


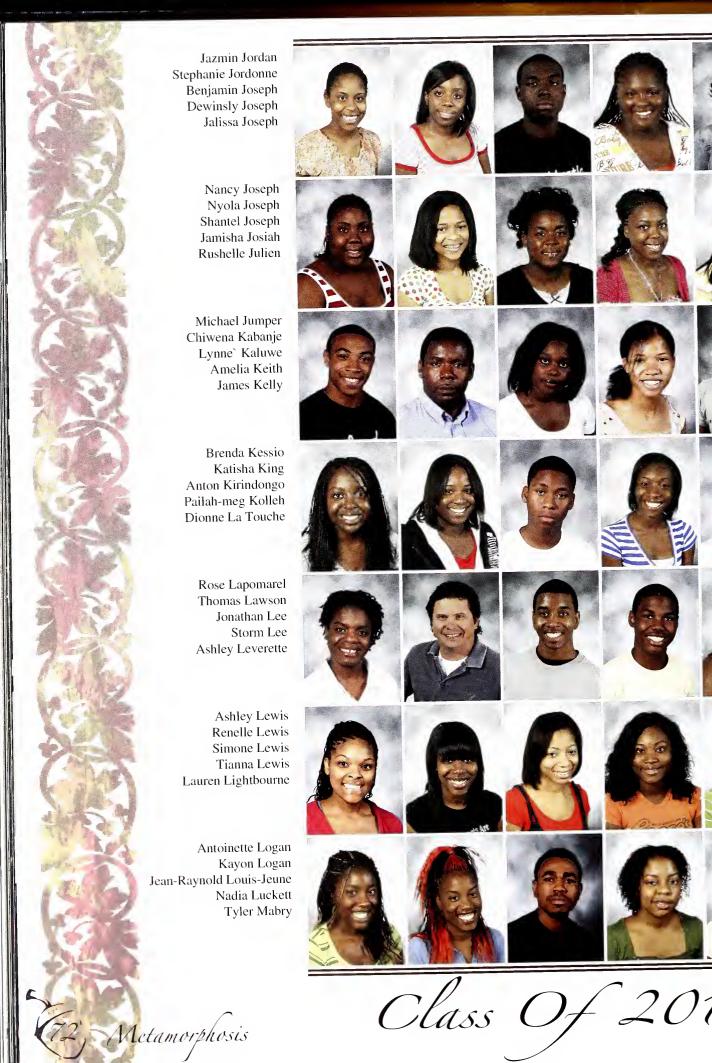


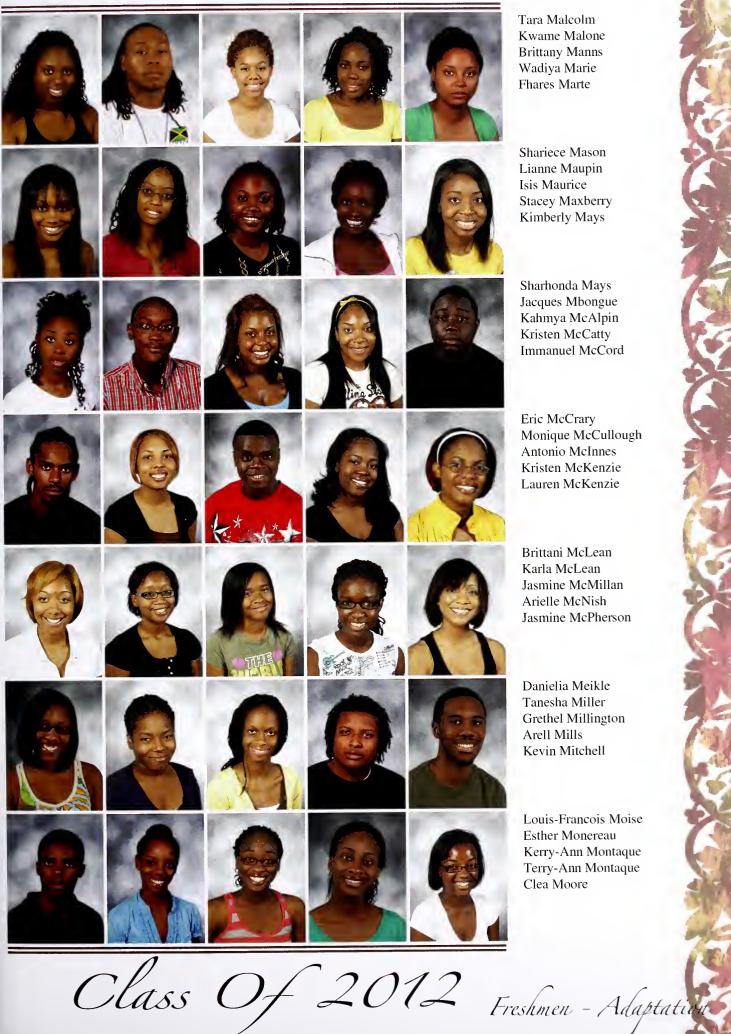




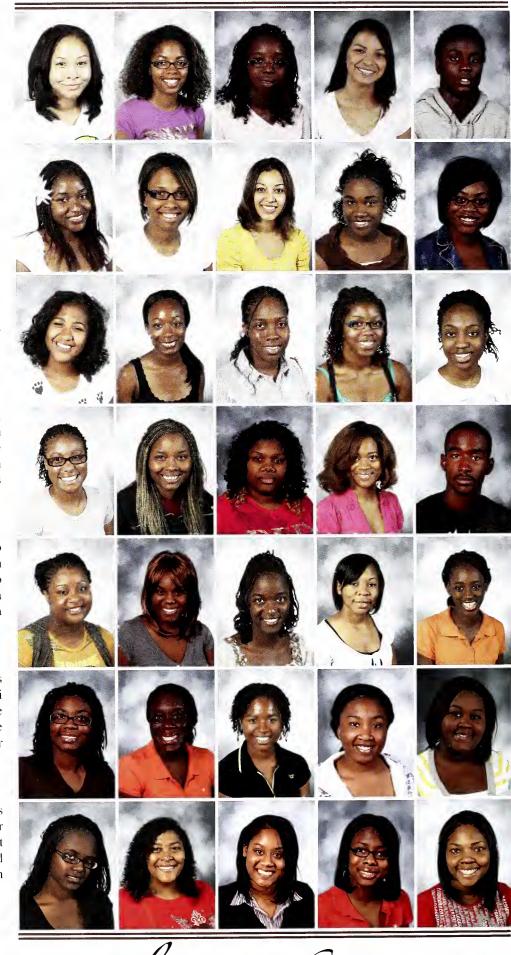
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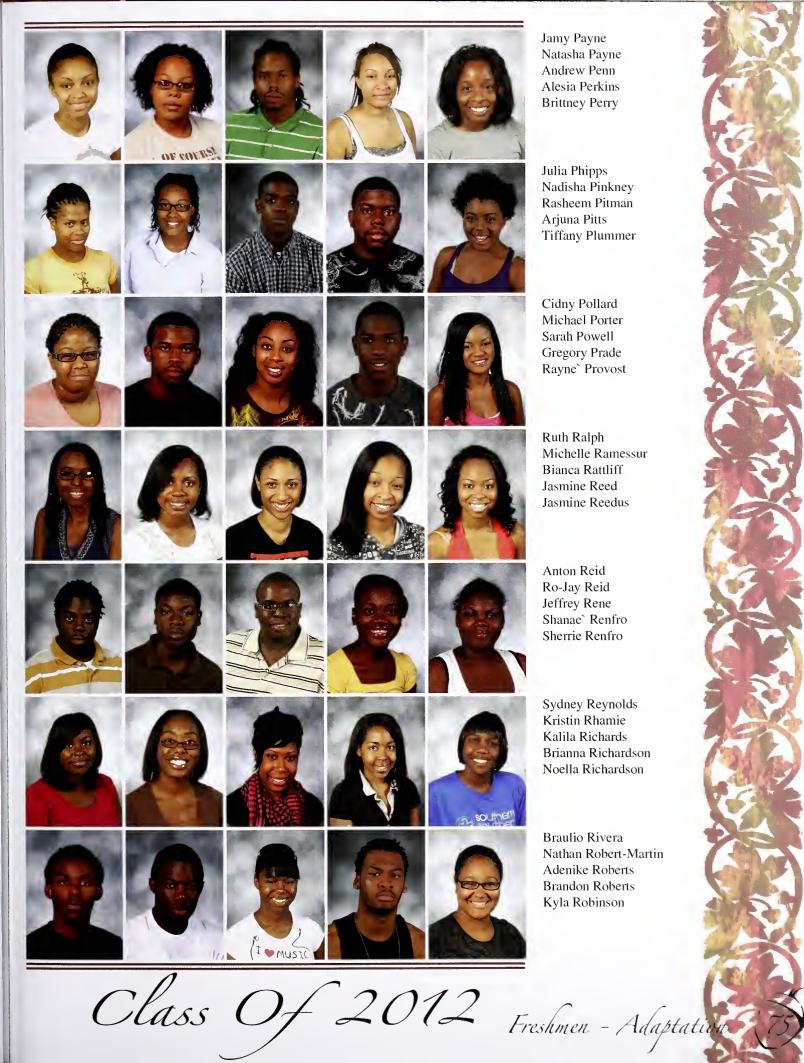


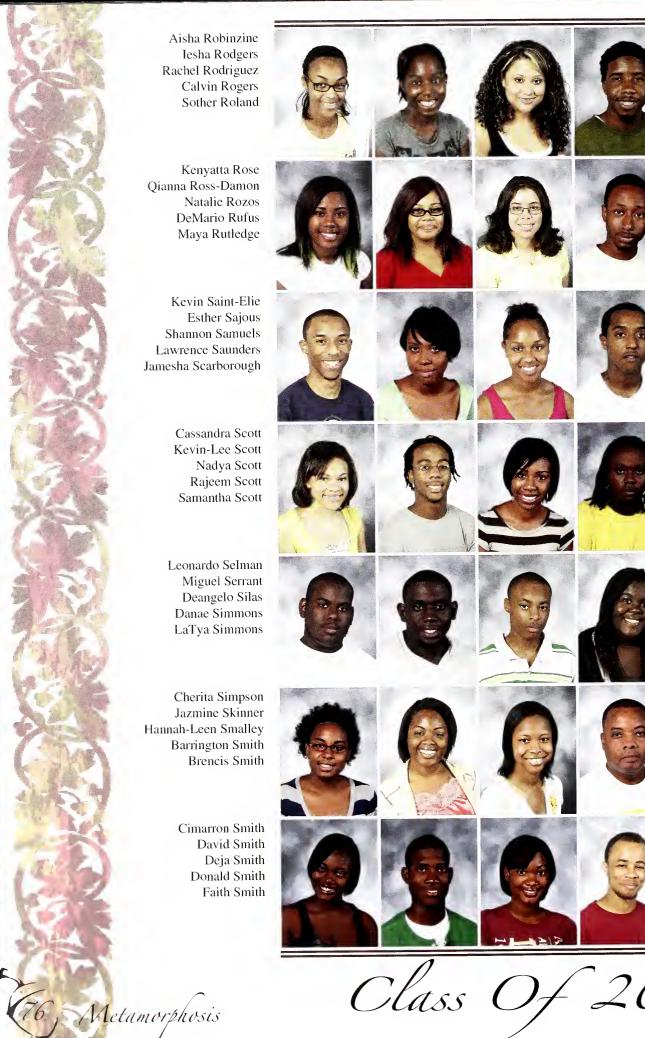


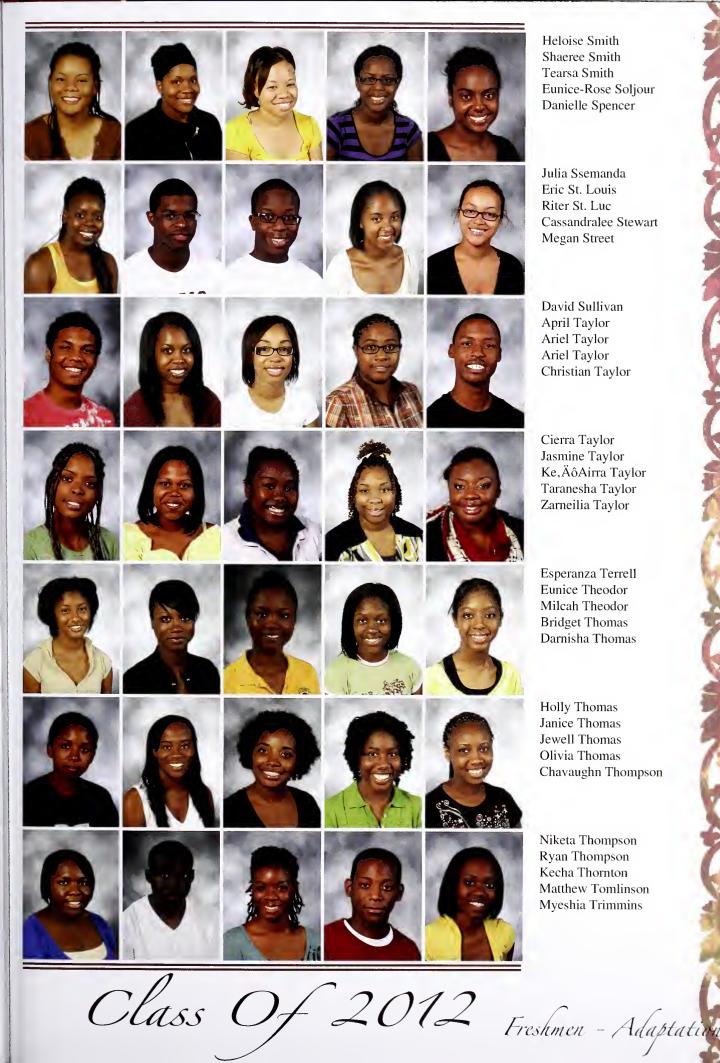


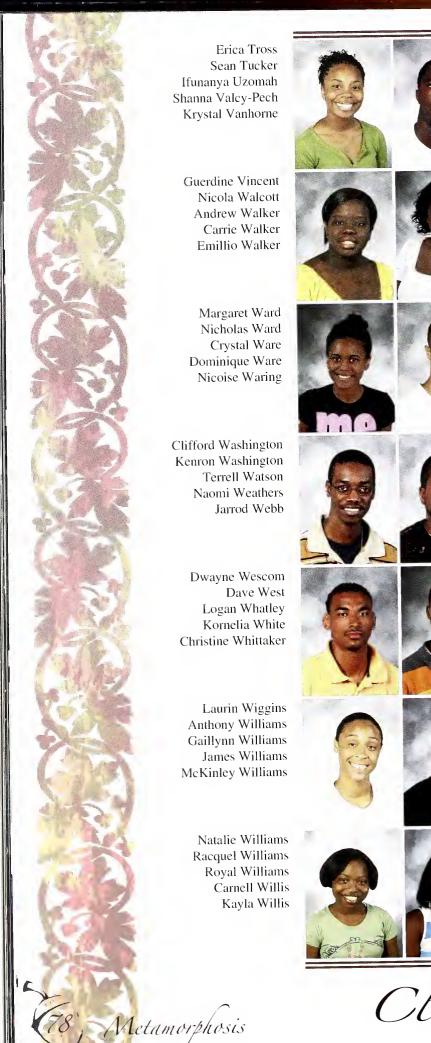


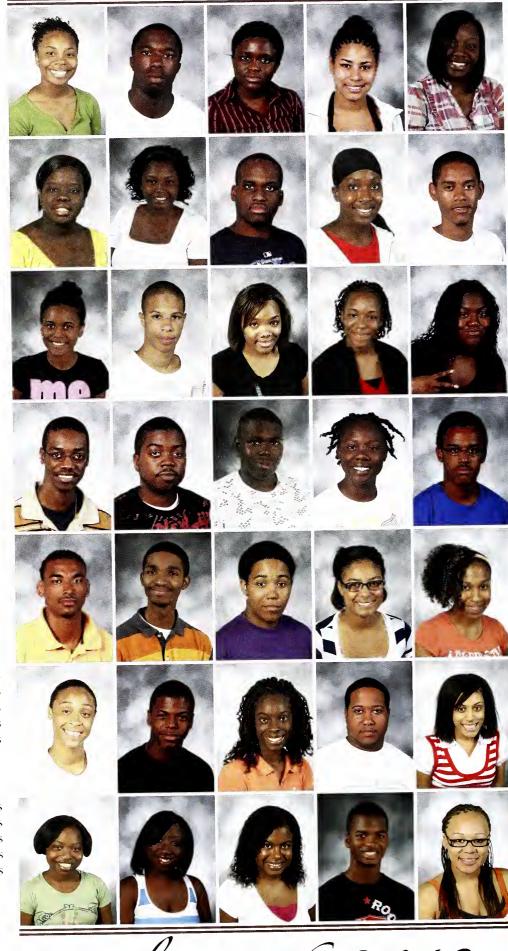
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A Woman for

Uniquely designed, yet intrinsically overlapped...

...for "A Woman for Every SEason", is simply just that.

Touched by the hands of God, for in HI image she was formed...

...fearfully and wonderfully made, for He called her by name even before she was born.

Filled with beauty and brains, both inside and out...

...ready and willing to handle business, for all that nonsense, she is not about.

Holistically confident in herself and to the table all that she brings...
....enabling her to be selfless, assisting others in similar capacities,

while holding her own in order to still do her own thing.

Able to hold her head up, yet still not be too proud...

...for as a true woman, she understands that to make her presence known, it is not necessary to always be loud She is humbled by the right spirit, and is willing to give him full

She is humbled by the right spirit, and is willing to give him full control..

...for she knows its not where you've been but where you're going, and with each step she is being molded into pure gold.

So out of the newness that each season brings, a small portion of the previous it holds...



Every Season



..just as with the growth of a young lady, while maturity sets in , the endless treasures unfold.

It is often suggested that its the compliment of other seasons where its true strength lies..

...so the strength of a woman, stemming from life experiences, should come as no surprise.

Realizing that the hardships of some seasons are not always desired but understood...

...they are stepping stones to what lies ahead, and not just the harping on the shoulda, coulda, woulds.

For not just on Ruth, but Mary Magdelene and others, was the grace of God shown..

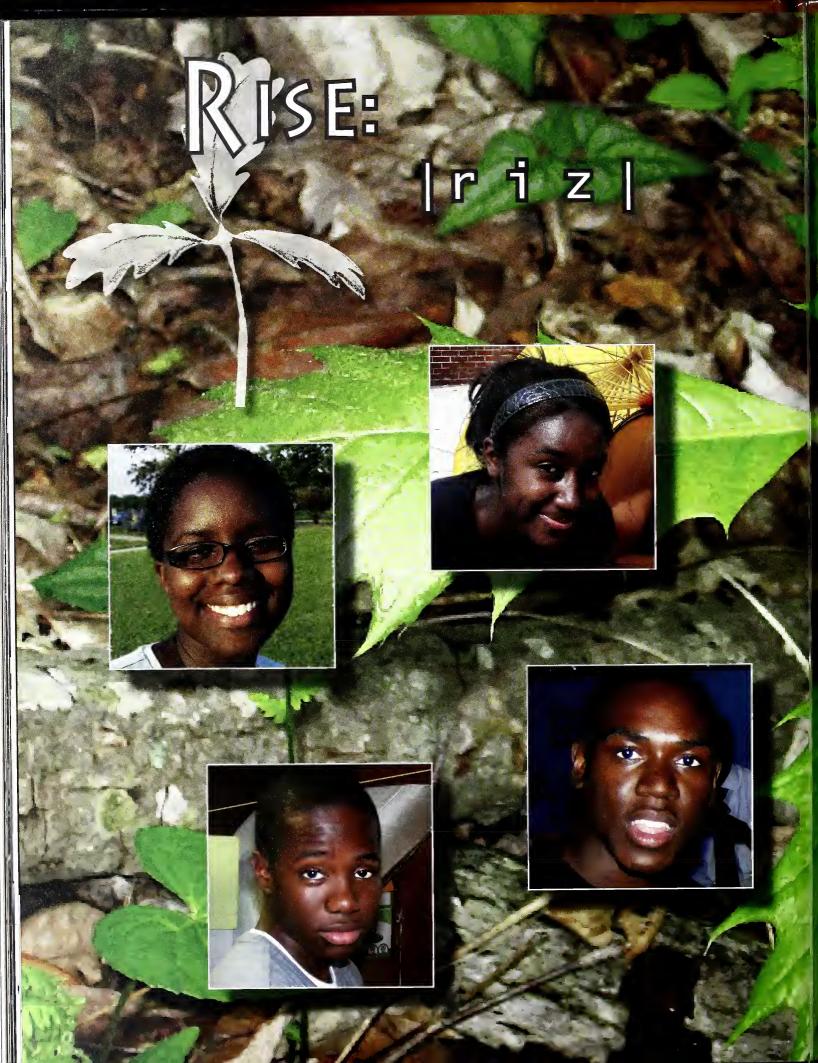
...for He knows our hearts and forgives us our sins, for it is through the covering of His blood that we are made whole.

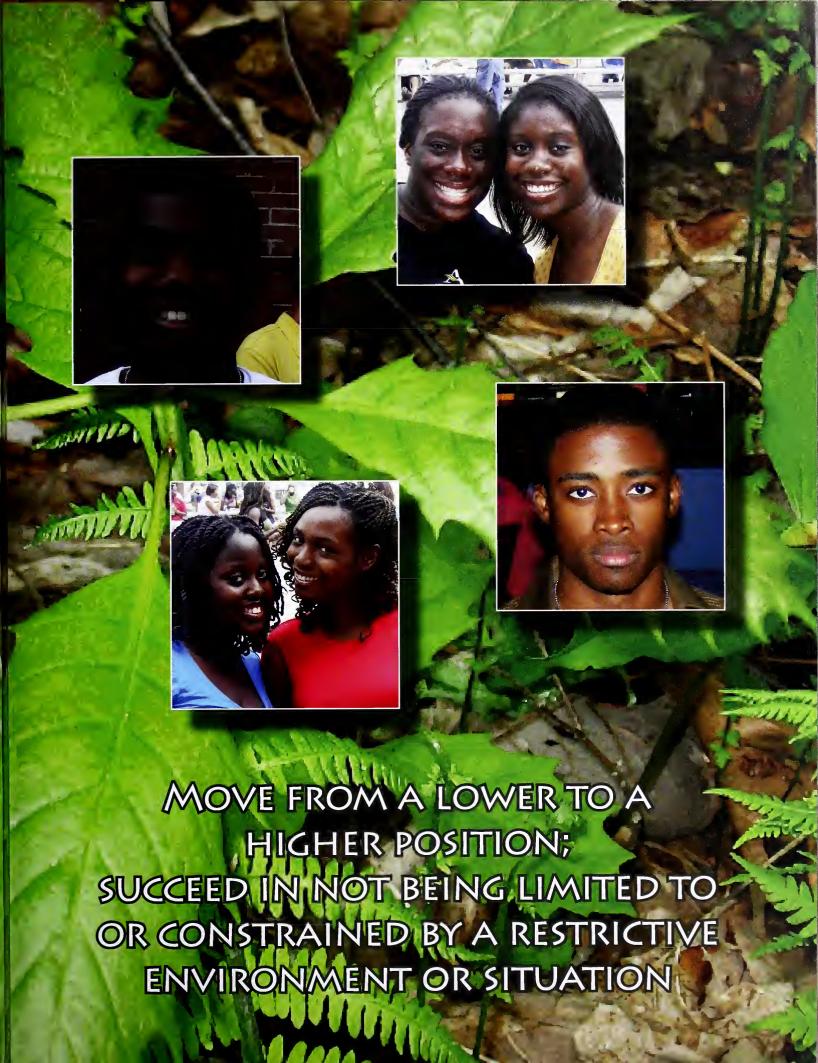
For even with the perceived darkness of winter, light of spring, fullness of sumer and warmth of fall... they are a blended compliment, and we know everything happens for a reason...

...For Christ makes no mistakes, regardless of where we come from, we too, like the contestants of 2009, can be a "Woman for Every Season."

Demisha Burns







JOURNEY OF A

- This year everybody's pretty much doing their own thing. As a communications major, I definitely had more classes dealing with my focus on Public Relations. I want to get a 3.5 or above.
- I learned how to depend on myself and God more, and to give myself a little more me time. I didn't care as much as I did freshman about trying to a socialite or something. I just chilled and took life as it came.
- I live off campus now, which is wonderful. I enjoy the freedom of not having such a strict curfew. I am also spending more time in the books. My sophomore year is winding down and I'm trying to get all of my classes and everything together before junior year.
- God is everywhere on this campus, even though sometimes it may not seem like it. Walking around by myself sometimes is what I started to do this year. You just have to get away from the distractions and find Him.
- I like to keep my options open. I'm only 20 years old and I'd hate to be one of those annoying, inseparable couples at this point in my life. However, friends are nice to have. It's cool to just somebody to hang out with no pressure.



Krysten Copeland

SOPHOMORE

- My workload this year was a little bit harder than freshman year because I had a class that was in my major and other classes to worry about at the same time. Another reason it was a little bit harder is because I worked more hours at the front desk.
- I've met new people, I learned what the true meaning of responsibility is, and my singing group (Inspiration) has achieved a higher skill level vocally by adding new members.
- My relationships with friends has grown tremendously from freshman year because since I built a relationship with people I met freshman year, in return, I feel as if I've known people for a long period of time. Now I understand why you make friends for life at Oakwood University.
- There has been a change that has happened to me this spring semester. Before the break, a couple of other people and I had altercations, but I've learned to put aside our differences in the past, die to self, and forgive and forget. Now we are good friends.
- My spiritual life has developed more because I have learned to put situations that are impossible for me to handle in the hands of God. Also this semester, I've been re-baptized and on a new spiritual journey with the Lord.



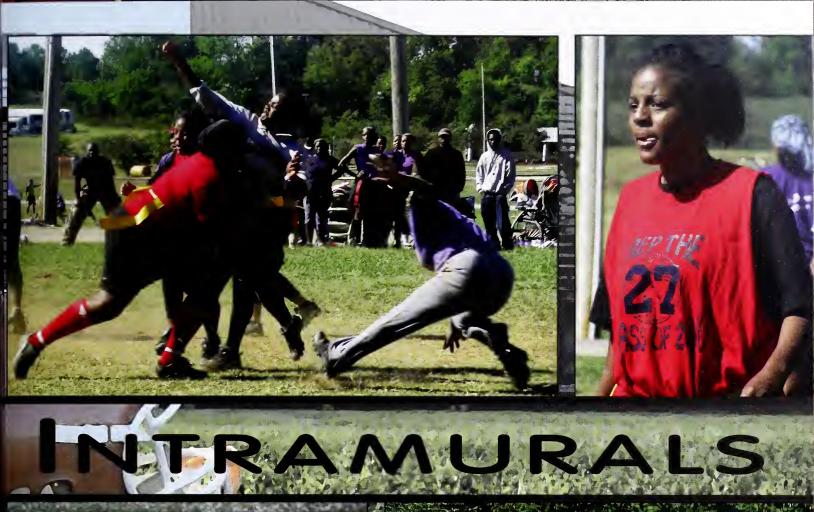
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GUYS



FOOTBALL





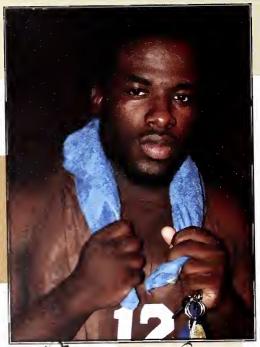






Intramurals

Teams are formed, jersey's are on, and shoes are tied... What time is it? It's time for OU's Basketball Intramural games! Teams like 'Tropic Thunder,' 'Hunts-Vegas," and 'Theology Team' come together from the east and west to find out who has what it takes to become Oakwood's top basketball team. Students anticipate this event every year, and fill the gym to catch a glimpse of the action. Sportsmanship and effort are a must on the court, and both players and fans bring their best. Bragging rights are at stake as each team wants their chance at this opportunity. Both men's and women's teams are competing for this top spot, and fans are in full support of their favorites.







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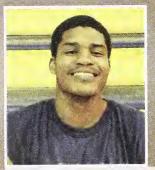












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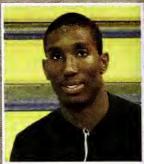
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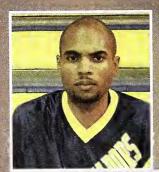


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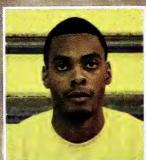
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Eric Adams Long Beach, CA



Marcus Fitts Montgomery, AL



Rodney Davis Ft. Lauderdale, FL



Brandon Broome Missouri City, TX



Landon Bertram Southfield, MI

Ambassadors



Kareem Telesford Newport News, VA



James Doggette Huntsville, AL



Austin Doggette Huntsville, AL



Carnell Willis Woodbridge, NJ

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STATS

Southeast Bible College	89-80 Win
Martin Methodist	64-66 Loss
Wesley College	74-64 Win
Cumberland University	64-62 Win
Blue Mountain College	89-81 Win
Covenant College	87-71 Win
Concordia College	77-80 Loss
Southern Polytechnic	61-64 Loss
Alabama A&M	86-85 Win
Cumberland University	58-69 Loss
Martin Methodist University	48-67 Loss
Blue Mountain College	102-92 Win
Belhaven College	51-56 Loss
Tennessee Temple	81-70 Win
Southeast Bible College	102-75 Win
Talladega College	66-81 Loss
Fisk University	65-43 Win
Concordia College	66-78 Loss
Spalding University	60-58 Win
Fisk University	71-63 Win
Tennessee Temple	89-87 Win
Huntingdon College	75-73 Win
Talladega College	74-75 Loss
Spalding University	75-72 Win
Huntingdon College	63-62 Win

It's we, not me. - Kareem

"We can't change the world unless we change ourselves." - Rupert III

"Patience and Persistance." - Landon

"We are One" - Derek

"It's not the outcome of the game, but the quality of the play."

- Brandon

"Youcan'tclimbthemountain if it's smooth." - Austin













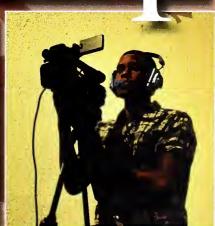












Oakwood



Sarai Cisneros Merced, CA



Erica Pelote Orlando, FL



Jennifer Williams Arlington, TX



Tiffany Lee Nashville, TN

Lady



Monique Woodson Hesperia, CA



Shannon Rhoades Loma Linda, CA



Kim Pointer Huntsville, AL



Simona Nappier Washington, DC

Ambassadors



Jamy Payne Huntsville, AL



Krystal Bean Nashville, TN



Brittany Greene Lafayette, LA

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"It's all about the game.
Winning and losing doesn't
count as much, but gameplay is
what matters most."

"Basketball is in my blood.
I play for me, but also for
my team. Teamwork is the
biggest factor."

"I love my team. We care about each other, and that's how we work so well together both on and off the court."









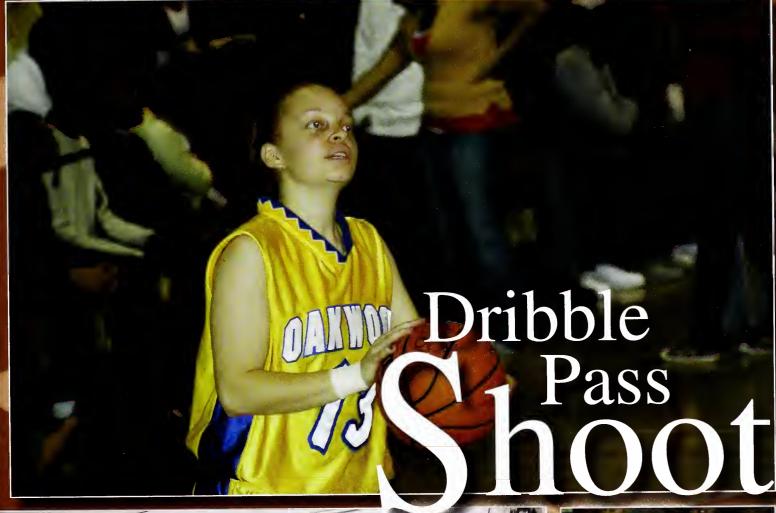
















STUDYING ABROAD.

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Dawn Forbes
Candace Griffin
Nicole Peeler
Tamara Richards
Lillian Smith
Christen Thomas

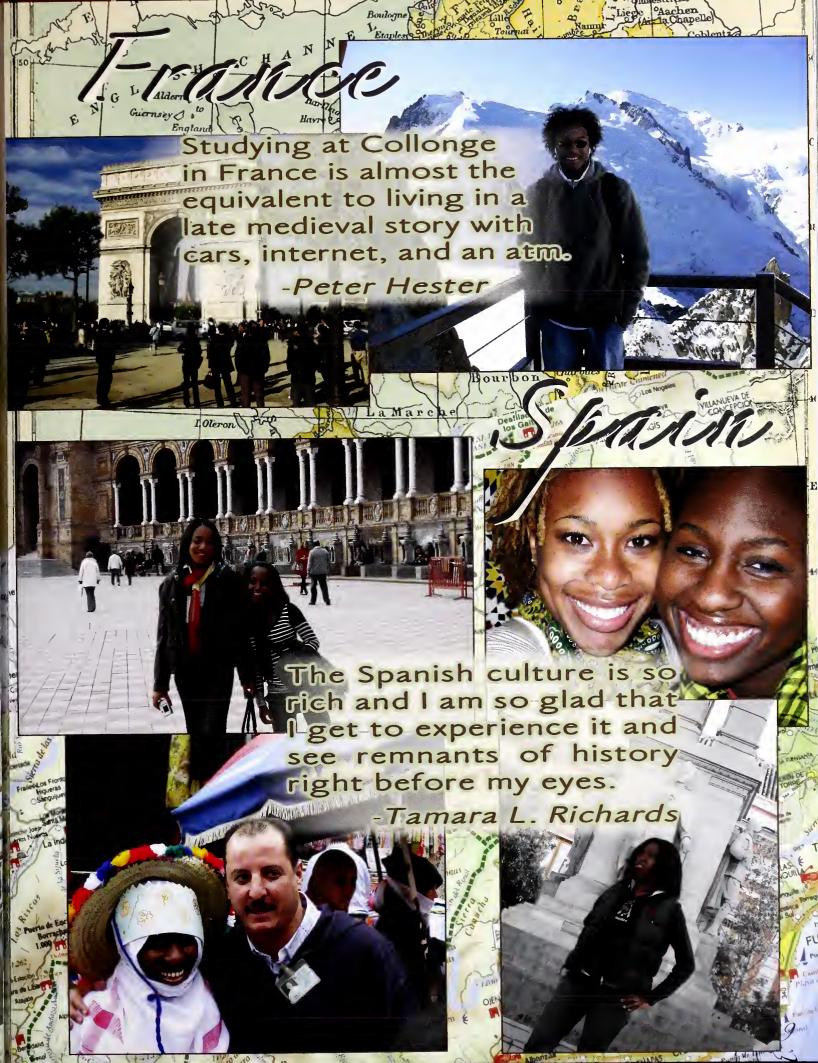
<u>Argentina</u>

Kimberlee Allers
Kymberly Byrd
Stella Harris
Charde Hurst
Evette Reid
Dauveon Shawver

France

Peter Hester, II





CLUDS &

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To honor juniors and seniors in the top ten percent of the classe by their grade point average.

To help couples on campus maintain a healthy christian relationship



Couples in

1003/Netamorphosis



To promote ecological awareness, substaniable development and global responsibility.

To conduct club programs to advance the general interest and welfare of the club in the community.



organizations

Rise 101

CLUDS &



Excellence

To assist young ladies in achieving Christian fellowship, trust, and education.

To train young people in leadership skills and preparing students to spread the Word to all

Master guides



1023/Netamorphosis



To generate student awareness and interest in mathematics, engineering, and computer science.

Computer sci

To provide extra practical training for theology majors and other students through forum.

religion and theology



organizations





To introduce students to opportunities and information related to animals and veterinary medicine.

To peak interest and prepare students for law school.



prc-Law

1043/Netamorphosis



To foster interest and participation in the dentistry field, and spread dental awareness on campus.

Aiming for harmonious development of mind, body, and spirit or SDA Caribbean youth.



Caribbean Jouth

organizations

Rise 1.05

CLUDS &





To provide educational tools for academic success and professional development within psychology.

To provide a christian experience through music (drums) and emphasize world ministry.



ou impact

1063/Metamorphosis



To bring information and inspiration to the student body through journalism.

To provide students a chance to enhance networking, marketing and leadership skills.



organizations

Rise 7.07

CLUDS &

Communications



To create and develop knowledge and skills of students pursuing a carrer in the communication field.

To spread the love of God and his message to the world through drama.



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To encourage and motivate others to be successful by setting goals and achieving them.

To promote knowledge and skills in the sciences, strengthening family life at home and in society.



Family and Consumer Sci.

organizations

Rise 1.09

CLUDS &



To enhance the knowledge and interest in the field of Allied Health.

To provide an avenue by which students may share the gospel to the world.

allied health

Naps



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To promote and educate students on business entrepreneurship.

To encourage students to consider and prepare for a career in medicine.



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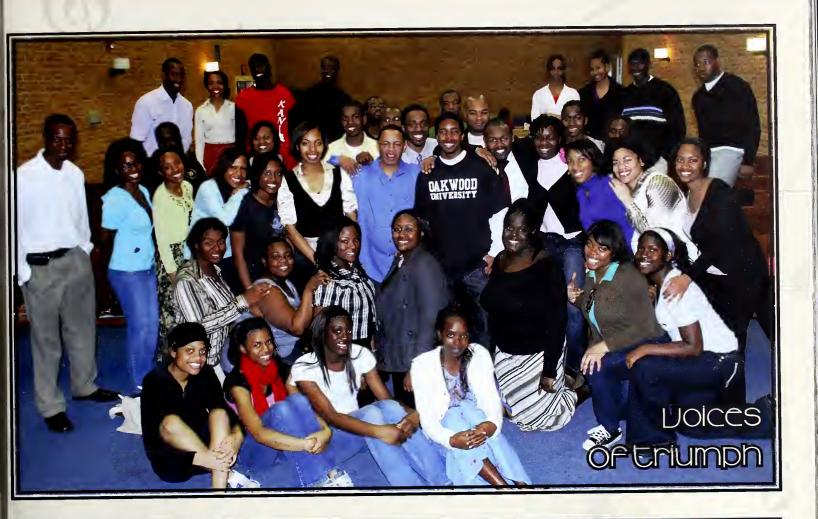


Sounds of Music

"One of the things that Oakwood is most known for, aside from it's academics and spiritual life, is it's music. Here on campus you will find an abundance of musical talent, both vocal and instumental, pouring out of the student body. By attending a concert, or just sitting in on a rehearsal, you are guaranteed to leave more blessed than when you came."









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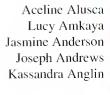






















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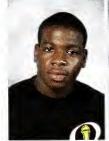








Karyle Barnes Dwight Batson Amber Batten Kasandra Bell James Bennett























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Jason Bulgin Rashad Burden Teri Burgan Julian Burley John Burnett

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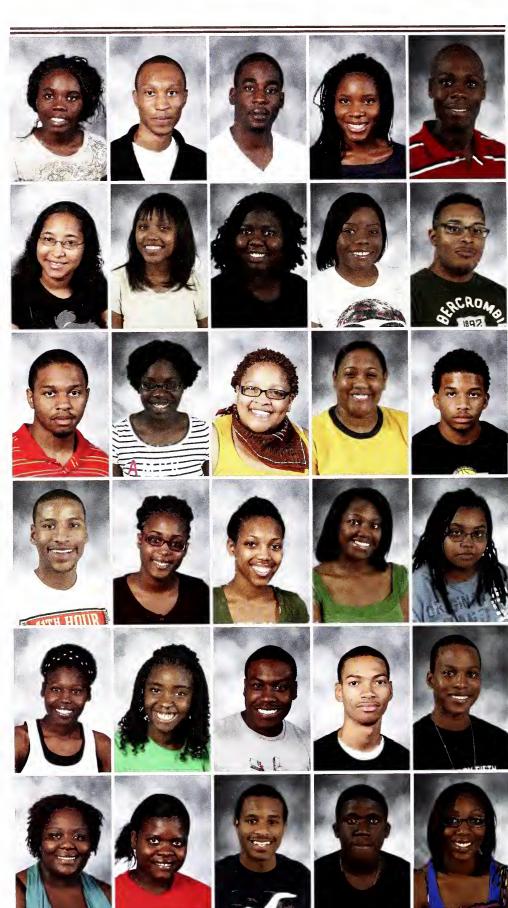
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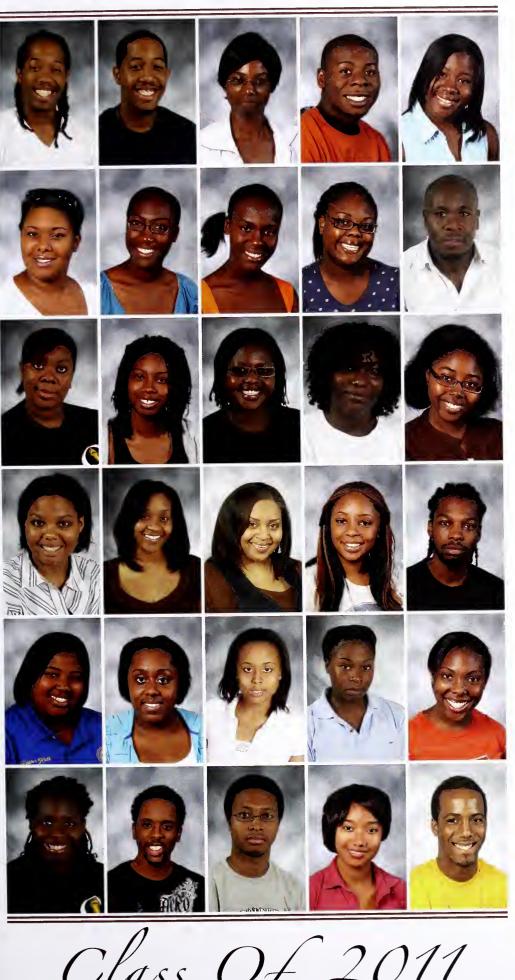
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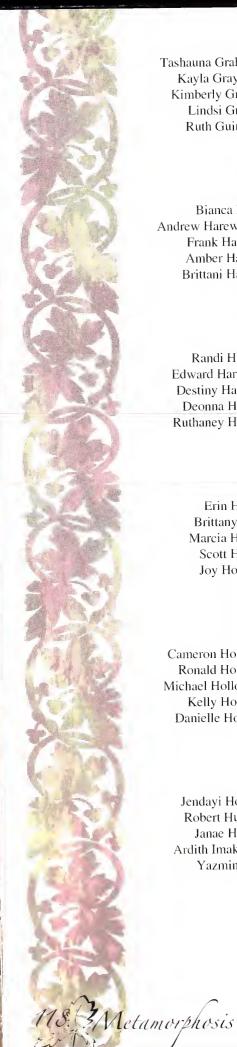
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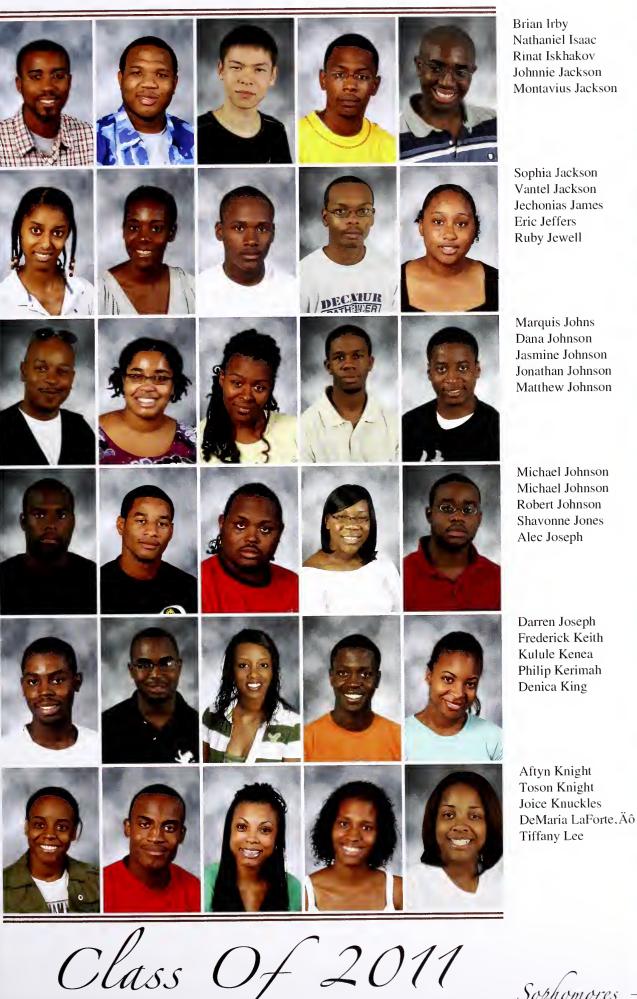
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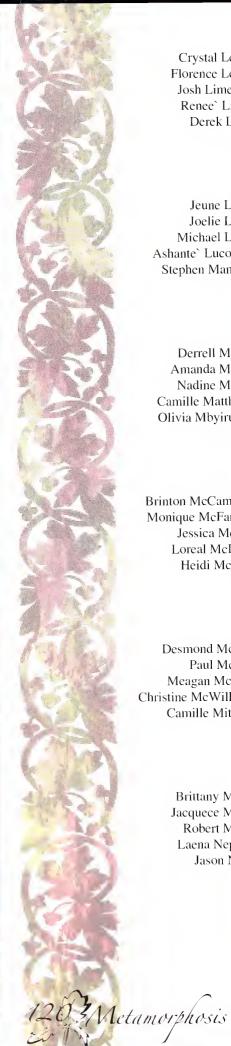
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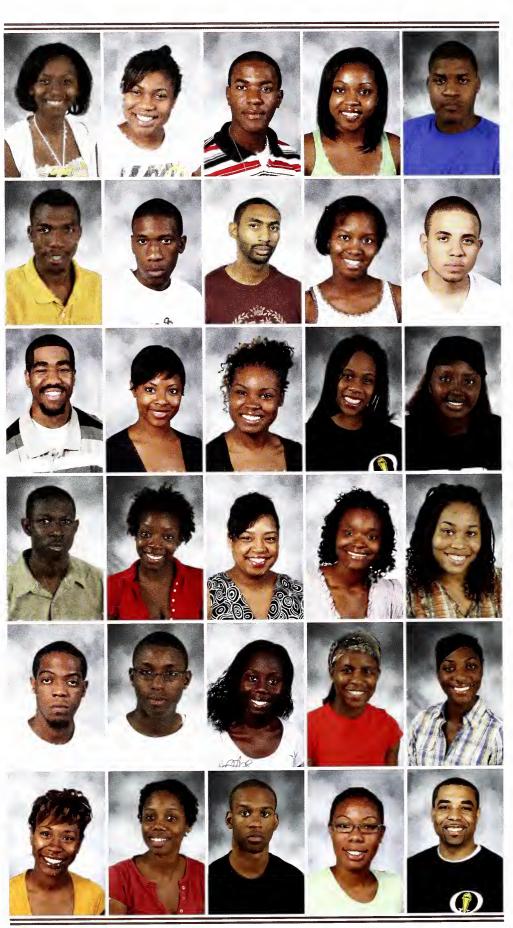
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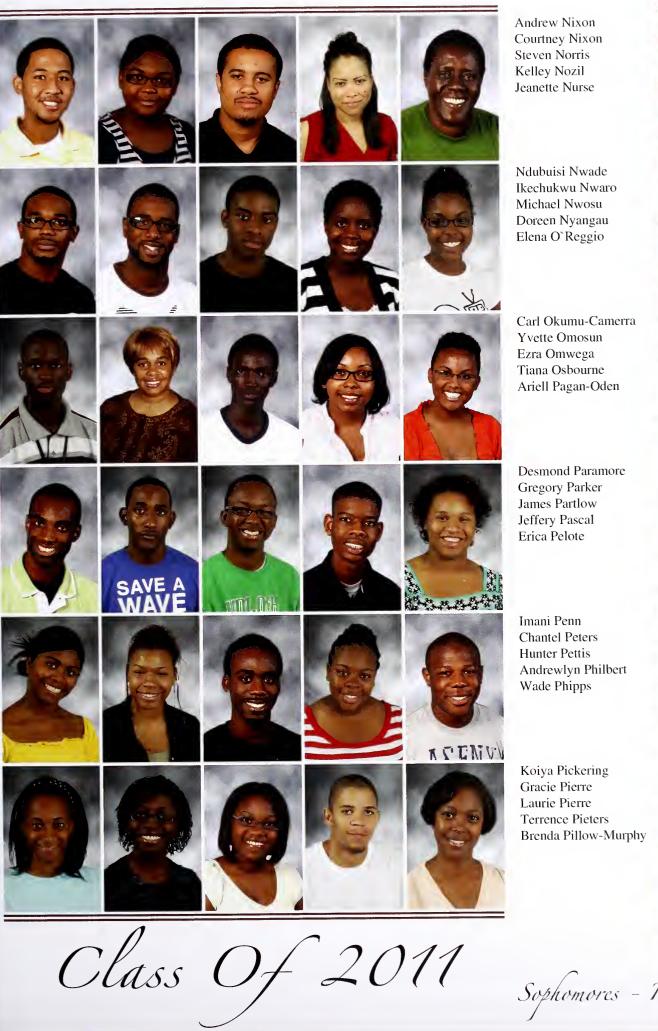


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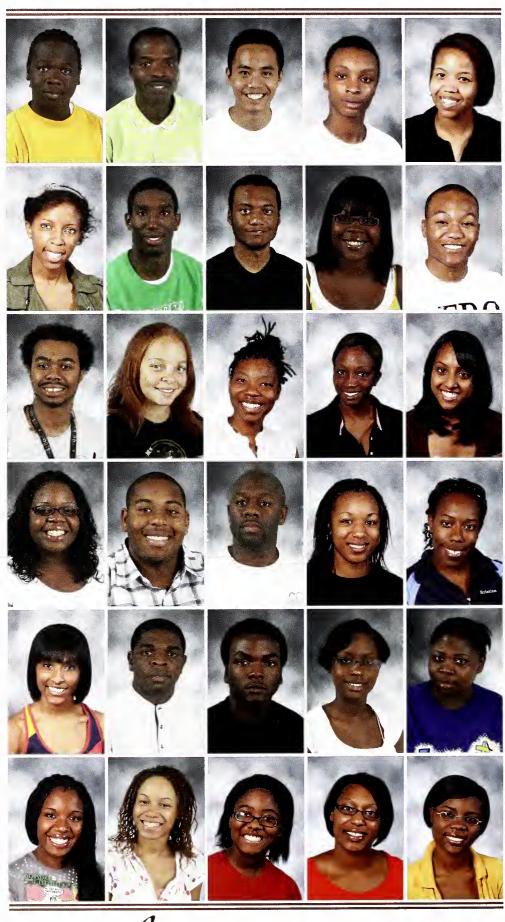


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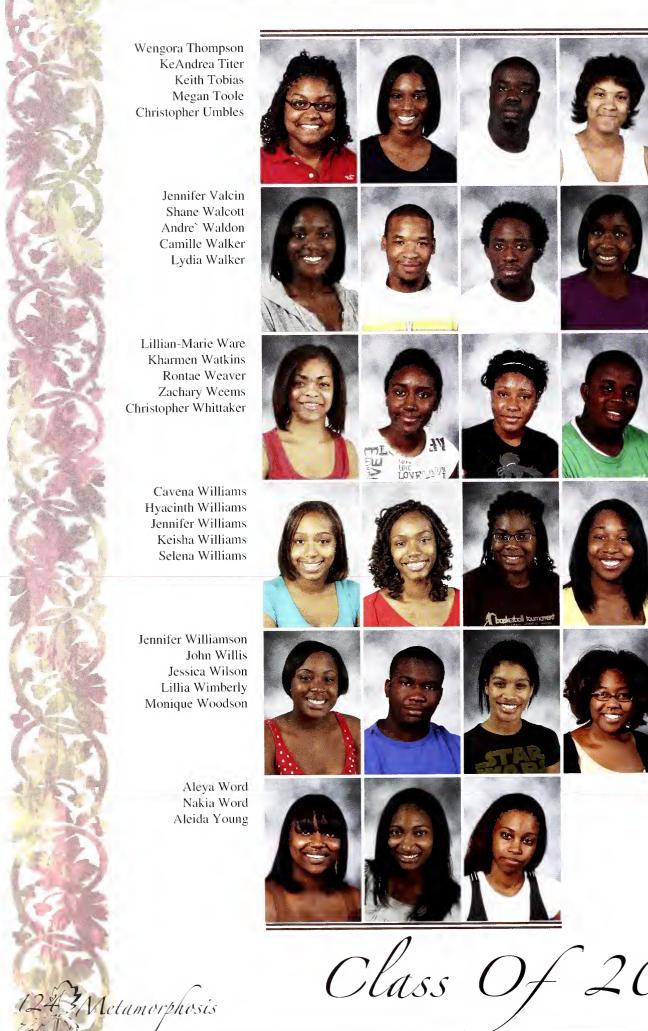
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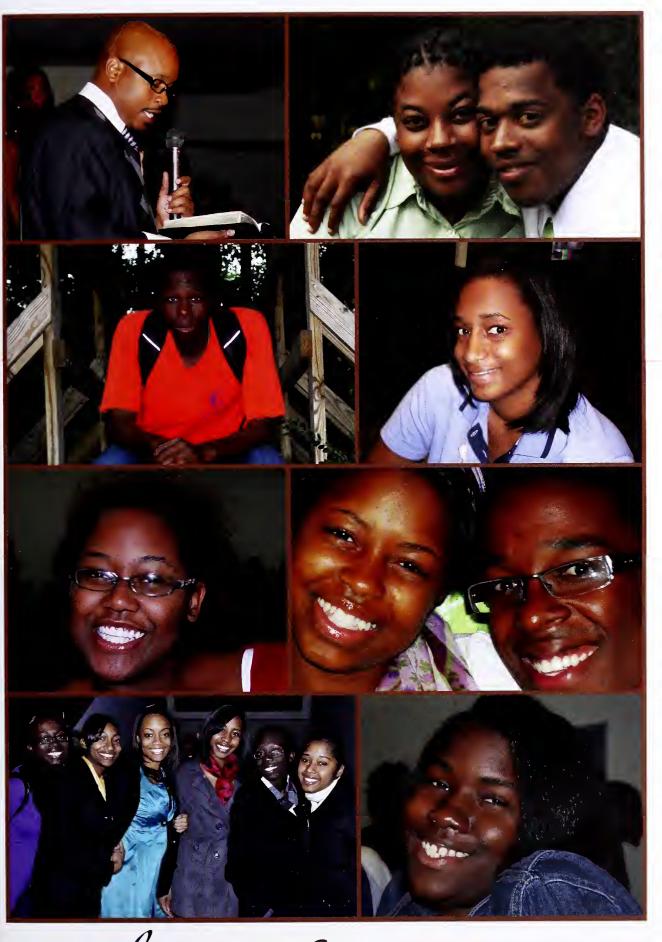
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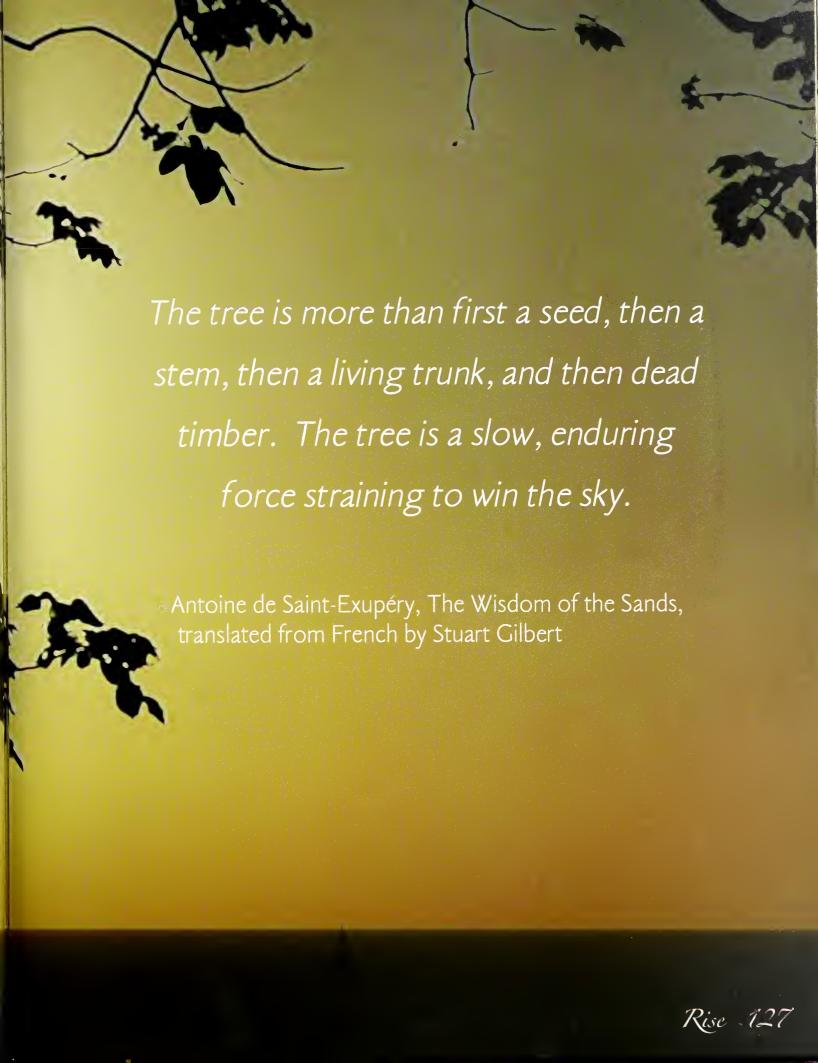
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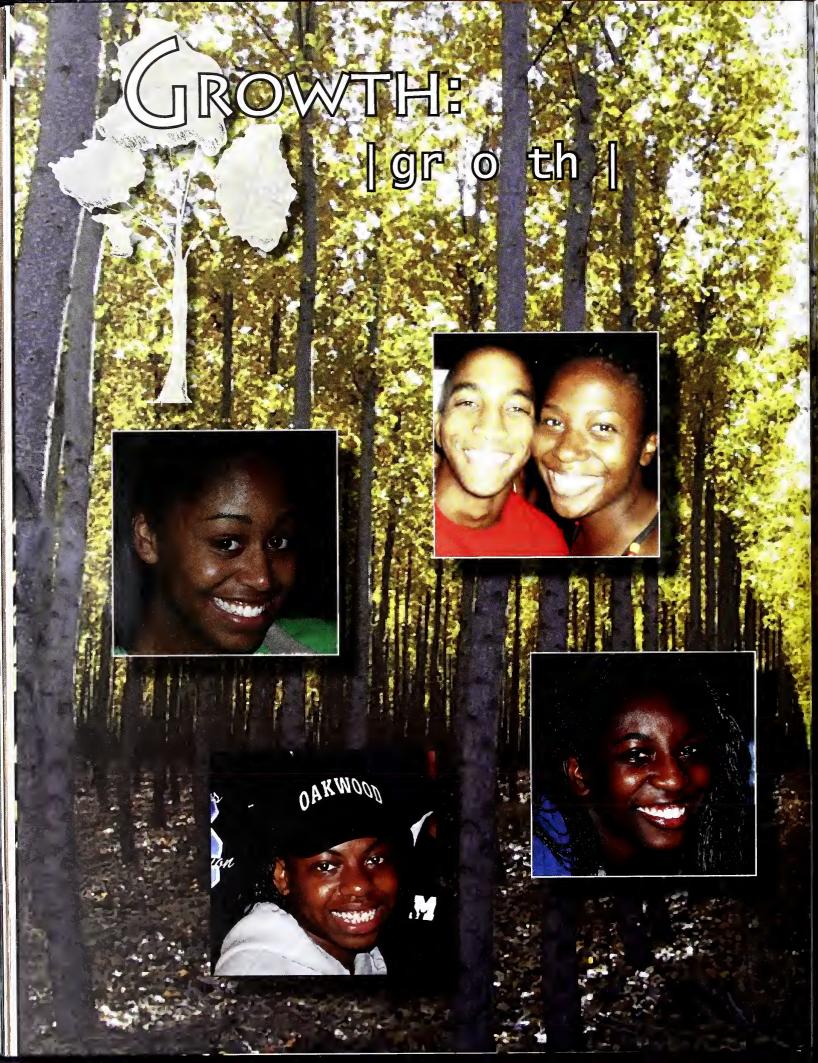


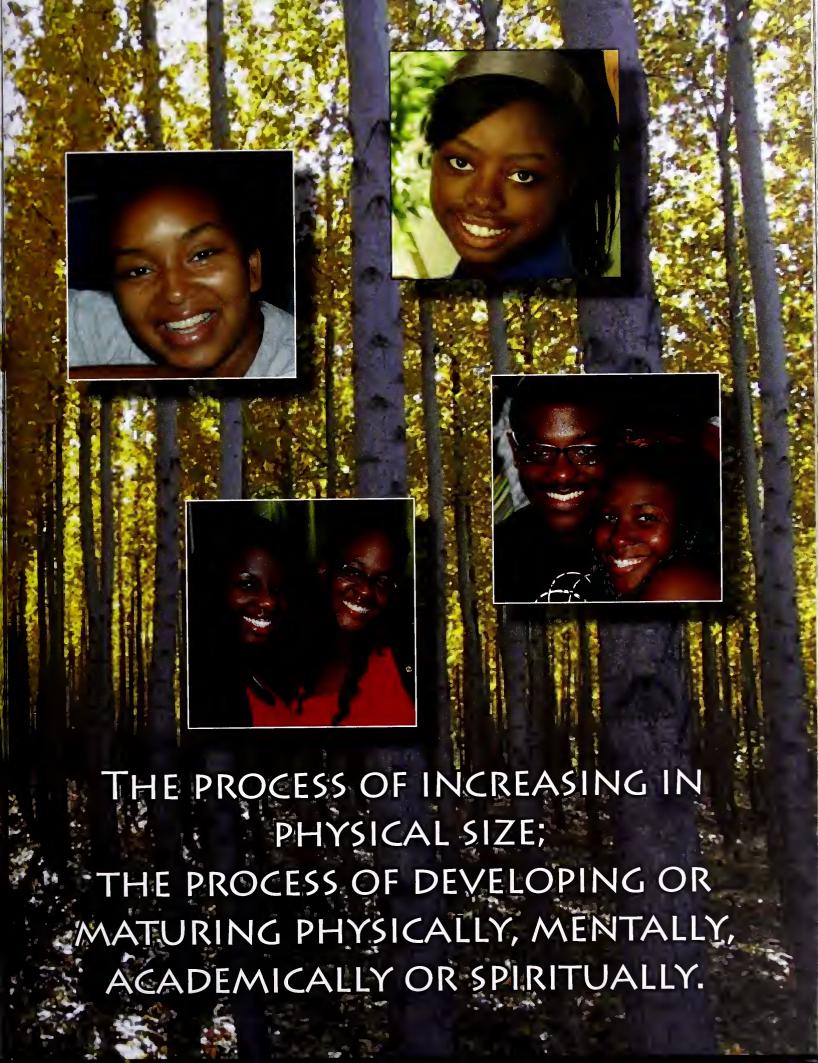
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Sophomores -









JOURNEY OF A

Denzel gents is junior hailing from the state of Florida. He drives a green VW and enjoys basketball. This year has been very different for him. The biggest difference is being off campus. Having a new a job and trying to keep up with the bills is a very different from dorm life. While the freedom of being of campus is refreshing, there are some aspect of dorm life he misses... room check, 6 am worships.... Ok maybe not those. He does miss having his boys across the hall though. It's an adjustment for him. All in all, this has been a good year for him and there hasn't been much for him to complain about. God has been blessing him.

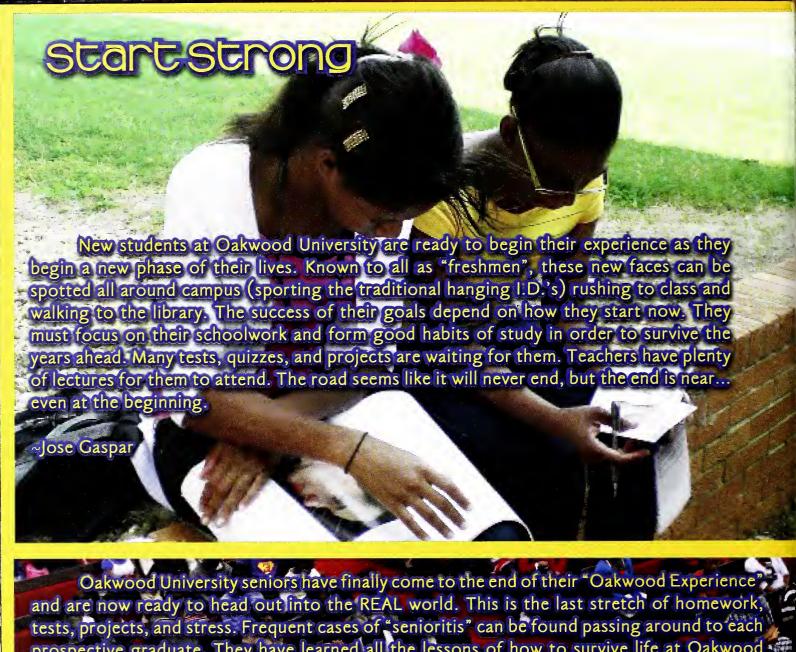


Netamorphosis

JUNIOR

Angela spent her winter break enjoying the comfort and familiarity of home. She spent most of her break seeing family and catching up with old friends. Angelas affinity for home was so strong that she almost did not come back to school... except that she has a boyfriend. The semester for her has be good. Angela sees herself in a historic time and she plan to take advantage of it. She is waiting for the challenge that school brings, but is enjoying the calm before the storm in the annex. This her first year out of Wade Hall and she loves it. Apparently there is a lot more freedom and peace living in the annex.

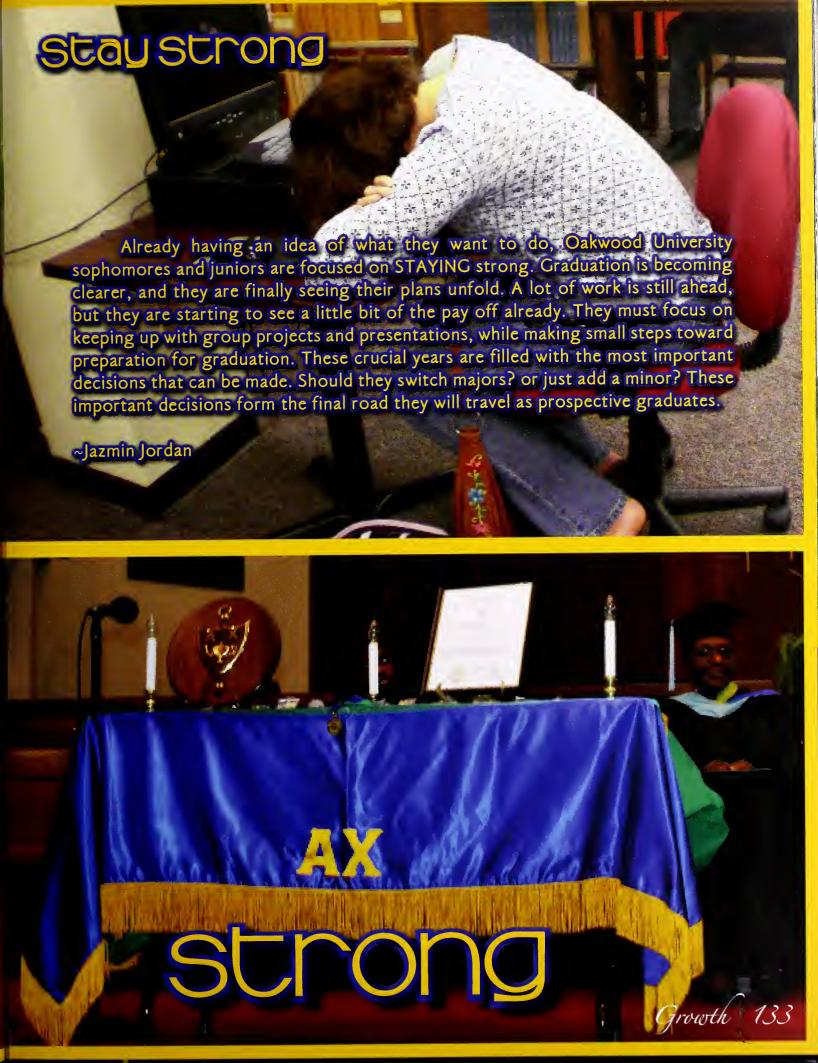




Oakwood University seniors have finally come to the end of their "Oakwood Experience" and are now ready to head out into the REAL world. This is the last stretch of homework, tests, projects, and stress. Frequent cases of "senioritis" can be found passing around to each prospective graduate. They have learned all the lessons of how to survive life at Oakwood and anticipate the future to come. Some will leave to obtain higher education as a graduate student, while others will be diving straight into the workforce. They are prepared for and unknown future as educated adults who can positively affect our world. They have entered to learn, and now they can depart to serve.

~Jose Gaspar

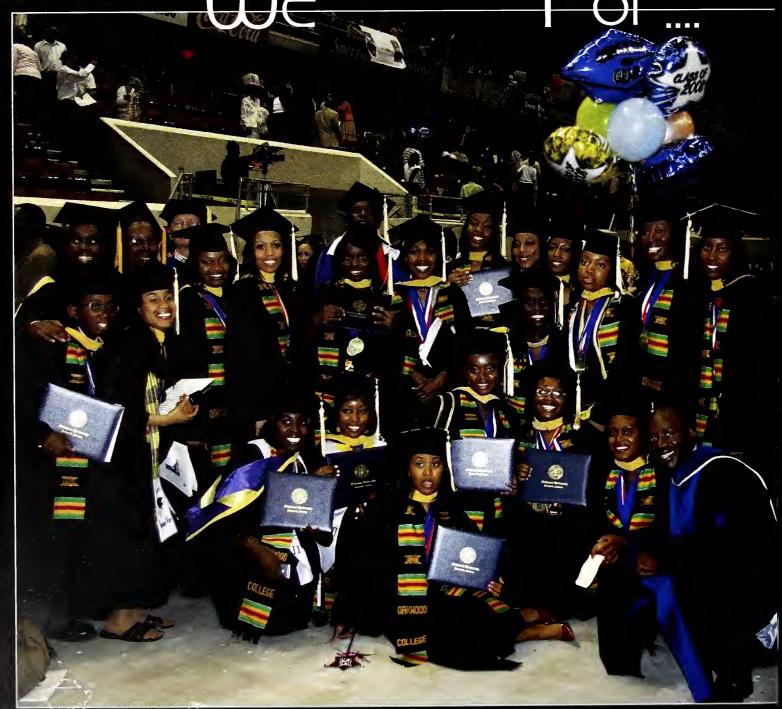
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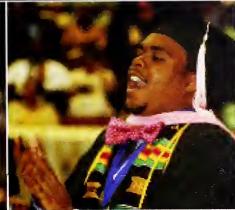


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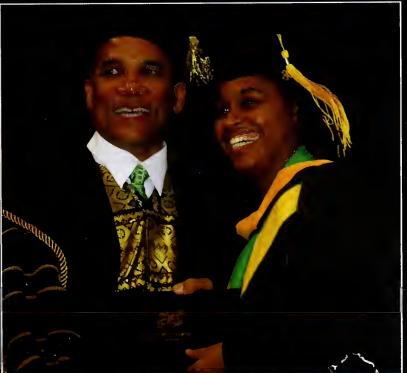




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Academic Mini-Essay Contest

The USM Academics Committee challenged students during fall semester to write essays dealing with discrimination. This topic, which developed from the anniversary of the September 11th attacks (or "9/11"), was created to discuss the issue of injustices within American culture.

Many Muslims were publicly discriminated against following the September 11th attacks. With violence, vandalism, and verbally abusive language, many Americans were channeling their anger of the tragedy towards a certain group of people.

Discrimination is something that's very familiar for minority groups, and even on the campus of Oakwood University, there is a large number of students who have experienced some type of discrimination. This event was designed to discuss, to give awareness, and to challenge students to put their writing skills to the test

by Stephen Span

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Tessa Ross Senior

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Daryl Anderson
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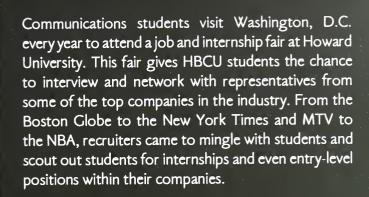
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Howard University Job Fair



Workshops and seminars allowed students to understand more about the communication field and the different paths to which a communication degree can lead. As a result of the fair, students also learned the importance of professional dress. A full suit, portfolio, and a well-developed resume can go a long way at this event. It could even be a foot in the door to a student's future career.

by Stephen Spates



THROUGH THE A TRIBUTE TO

To understand our story, you must visit to the past...

WE CAME FROM KINGS AND QUEENS, WHO REIGNED SUPREME AMONG THEIR NATIONS.

A COMMON TRADING GROUND AND SOURCE OF WEALTH FOR MANY GENERATIONS.

TEACHING AND DEVELOPING SOME OF THE LARGEST EMPIRES EVER MADE,

Only to be deceitfully forced into a system, known to most as a slave trade.

OUR BEAUTIFUL BLACK ANCESTORS, TAKEN AWAY FROM THEIR LAND OF PLENTY,

THEN CRAMMED DOWN INTO BOATS AND TREATED LIKE ANIMALS, TILL THEIR SPIRIT WAS EMPTY.

FORCED INTO A SYSTEM, CREATED TO MAKE THEM LESS THAN EQUAL BEINGS,

TILL THE CRY OF REBEL AND WAR BROUGHT AN END TO MANY THINGS...

But segregation had a new path for freed slaves to go,

Blacks over here and whites there, better known as Jim Crow

YET THERE WAS A STRONG FEW WHO REFUSED TO ACCEPT THAT SCHEME

SO ONE DIDN'T GET UP, ONE DID BY ANY MEANS NECESSARY, AND THE OTHER HAD A DREAM....

TO CONTINUE OUR STORY, YOU MUST WORK TOWARDS THE FUTURE...

TODAY WE WALK THE GROUNDS ONCE USED FOR A HORRIBLE TIME,

WE SIT IN CLASSROOMS BUILT IN SPOTS WHERE TEARS FELL FROM UNPUNISHED CRIME.

The goal of higher education is reached by many each year

ENTERING TO LEARN AND DEPARTING TO SERVE, WITHOUT THE SPIRIT OF FEAR

WE PRESS FORWARD TO SUCCESS AND PREPARE FOR OUR FUTURE.

AS BLACK DOCTORS, LAWYERS, AND TEACHERS MAKING OUR WORLD BETTER PLACE,

WE OPEN THE EYES OF OTHERS AROUND US, TO SEE PAST MORE THAN JUST RACE.

This is why we study hard, give our best, and aim high

FOR THE MOMENT WE SPREAD OUR WINGS WIDE, STEP OUT, AND BEGIN TO FLY....



This major focuses on the discipline of understanding the mind and its relationship to others and ourselves. Students in this major are prepared for areas in counseling, teaching, business, and government.

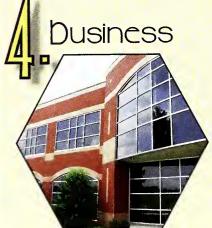


Students in biology study the different areas of science. Preparing them for the areas of the medical fields like pre-med, nursing, medical technology, and lab technicians.

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A well-known department at Oakwood, students in this field study the different areas of religion and find themselves in different fields like preaching, teaching, counseling, and evangelism.



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Business majors are given a strong foundation in all things corporate. From marketing, to management, to finance majors, these students are prepared to enter the corporate world after graduation.

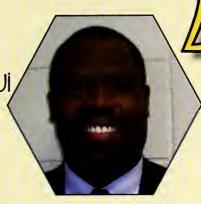
This up and coming major focuses on the different methods of communicating in the real world. Students can focus on many different areas including journalism, broadcast, electronic media, public relations, and communication arts.





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"We remain a young nation, but in the words of Scripture, the time has come to set aside childish things. The time has come to reaffirm our enduring spirit; to choose our better history; to carry forward that precious gift, that noble idea, passed on from generation to generation: the God-given promise that all are equal, all are free, and all deserve a chance to pursue their full measure of happiness."

"This is the meaning of our liberty and our creed, why men and women and children of every race and every faith can join in celebration across this magnificent mall. And why a man whose father less than 60 years ago might not have been served at a local restaurant can now stand before you to take a most sacred oath."

"Let it be told to the future world that in the depth of winter, when nothing but hope and virtue could survive, that the city and the country, alarmed at one common danger, came forth to meet it."









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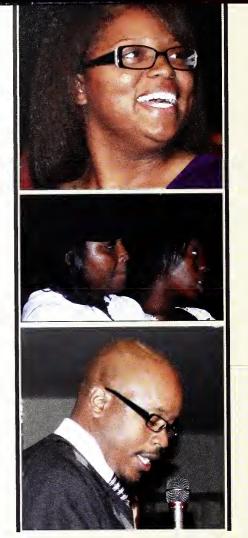
What is true worship? Many people cite John 4:24 as the definition of true worship: to worship God in spirit and in truth. But what does the really mean? Does that mean there are drums beating, singers singing and congregants shouting? Or is it the intellectual stimulation that comes with a stirring sermon? Is it the rendition of older, traditional hymns? Maybe it is the exegesis of complicated scripture? Do we really know? And does it really matter?

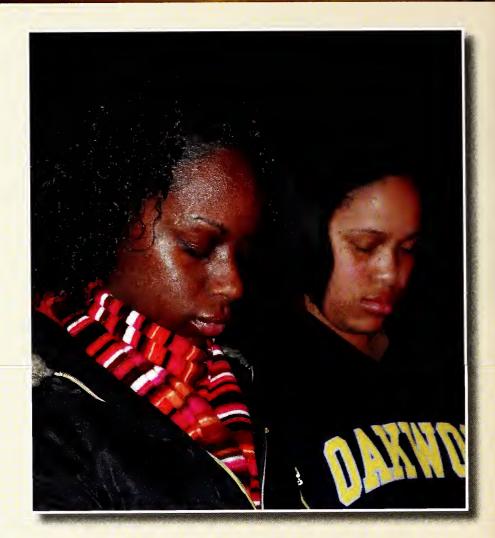
God desires that we have a relationship with Him; that we walk with Him and talk with Him, just as we would with any of our loved ones here on Earth. He yearns for our communication. He loves nothing more than interacting with his children here below. His greatest joy is to hear one of us, any of us, come to Him and say "God, what do you have to say to me today?" That feeling of emptiness we try to fill with activity, vice and sin was put there so we can tirelessly seek His face and it will never be filled until we find true joy in His presence. And where do we go to find His presence? That all depends on where he wants YOU to go as an individual.

So I submit that true worship can be found any of the above scenarios. It can also be found in our quiet hours; whether it is in our rooms, outside in nature, or just walking to and from class. As long as you commune with Him and actively seek His presence, then you are worshipping Him. Link your spirit with His and completely open your heart up to Him. This is all He asks of us.

By Sanique Antonio



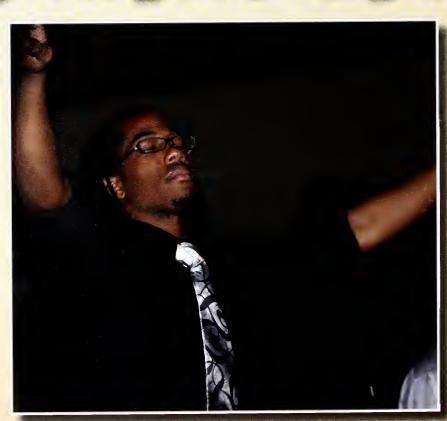




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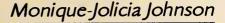








Approximately 20 hours into Friday, regular people are usually getting ready to go out, trying to find a party or club to get into. Here at Oakwood, 20 hours into Friday students are trying to get into the on-campus club called AYS. Inside, the bartenders are serving scriptures that will quench your spiritual thirst, and appetizers that are preparing you for the main course. The DJ isn't playing any pre-recorded music because all the music here is live! Here students sing beautifully so that the party people can worship and praise God. As the party animals begin to hunger, the main course is served; a word from the Lord. Taking it in, the clubbers notice that the food is sweet, nourishing, and rich. When the party is over, students leave full and blessed, and can't wait to go back next week.

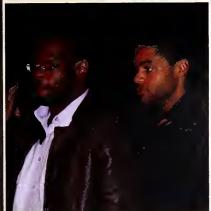














Running Back to You



Ja'Son O'Rourke

Senior
Theology Major
Springfield, Ohio

"And the peace of God...shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus"
Phillippians 4:6,7

From a young age, fear and isolation were familiar to me. I remember around the age of six I was molested, and because of this I went through life trying to prove myself to others and most importantly to myself. I tried my best to do good and to be good, but I ended up living life out of fear and isolation. I disguised my hurt through violence and promiscuity. I was afraid of communicating feelings because I believed that they would have been marginalized. I had a wound that needed to be healed and the life that I lived was only a symptom of the actual problem. I needed healing, restoration, and recreation. This began when Jesus began to reveal to me that He is bigger than my problems, hurts, and fears. I came to Oakwood University and began to take Theology classes, which opened up my eyes, and most importantly my heart. Currently, I am continually accepting God's peace (Jesus) and power (Jesus) in my life. Even now, many of the things that I used to do aren't even a thought or a temptation without any effort on my part. Even though I am still growing and mistakes are still made, the mistakes are fewer, and I am no longer living by fear, but by grace. I use the insight that comes with having been there, and possibly done that, to help those around me. I am no longer a slave to habit, but a combatant in the war against sin and its addiction. Jesus has used me to fight sin and tear down the kingdom the Devil has erected. By allowing myself to be used to preach and teach, Jesus has converted my curses into blessings, and now uses me to bless others through my testimonies. I never believed that the fearful man that I was could be the directed man I am becoming. I praise God that whose I am is greater than who I was.

My Conversion Story

Nicole Brown-Montgomery

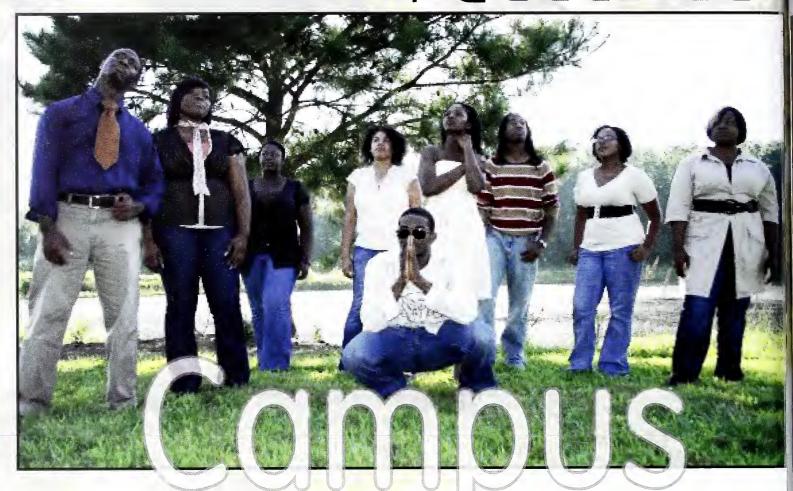
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Conway, South Carolina

"Behold, the former things are come to pass and new things I do declare..."

Isiah 42:9

I grew up in the Adventist Church back home in South Carolina. My mom was Adventist but my dad was not. Because of my dad's position, I was exposed to many worldly influences. When it was time to make a decision between the church and the world, I chose the world and all it had to offer. When I was twelve, I started smoking and by the time I was sixteen, I was a heavy drinker and frequent clubber. There was no way life could get any better than what I had settled for; however, the Christ that my mother tried sharing with me had not given up on me. I remember one evening sitting in my bedroom and hearing a clear voice saying "Nicole, you have to stop doing what you're doing." I didn't know it was the Holy Spirit at that time, but I said "No." I was too comfortable in my life. Then one evening, I was driving with my brothers and a friend and we got into a serious accident. All I can remember is us spinning out and losing all control. Suddenly, that voice I heard in my bedroom spoke to me again and told me to press the brakes. This time I listened, and the car stopped immediately. As I got out, I realized that if that car had spun once more, it would have slammed into a tree, as the guard rails along the road had ended just where my car stopped. I was stunned. Then the voice started speaking to me again. It told me that He just saved my life and I needed to give my life over to Him because He loved me. It was at that time that I realized that this was the Holy Spirit speaking to me and I started to cry. That night, I gave my life to Christ. The love that God shows me daily is unlike anything I have felt before. I have a passion for souls now, especially those that are living the life I was. I praise God that He brought me out of my former life and into this new life with Him. I never thought life could be this good.

redeemed



Judette Fortune, member of the group 'Redeemed' describes her experience with the group as 'enjoyable'. "They are a great group to sing with!" she said during her interview. Formed in early Fall semester 2008, the group has eleven members, led by Ndubuisi Nwade. "When Ndubuisi approached me and asked me if I wanted to be in his group, I told him I would pray about it. I praise God for this group, because I'm not pushy with my talent and I believe it was God's way of telling me not to squander my talent, but to use it to glorify Him," she recalled.

Redeemed decided from their inception that they would not be just another singing group, but they would put self aside and minister to God's people. "It is all about spreading the word of God through song; to get the message out there. We don't just strive to sound good, but to get people to think about the scripture the song may be centered around."

So far, the group has performed during AYS at Oakwood University Church and has travelled as far as Pensacola, FL, with Conquerors in Christ.

We hope that we see more of this talented group of Oakwoodites!



DD & J



PB&J is officially not just a yummy physical snack; it is also a deep and fulfilling spiritual food. PB&J is a sign language group on our campus, comprising of Paulette Gates, Bryant Stewart and... you guessed it: Jesus! "That's what PB&J stands for!" Paulette and Bryant originally came together to perform for the Freshman Concert in 2007. However, it soon became evident that they were destined by God to perform together. "It was divine intervention; we realized that we worked very well together," Paulette explained. She said that their group's mission is to allow those who are deaf to enjoy the same worship experience as those who can hear and to physically testify of God's goodness.

So far, these two have extended beyond the Oakwood University Church and have performed in places such as All Nations SDA here in Huntsville, and in Pensacola, Florida. You can see more of them at Oakwood University Church as they occasionally perform during AYS, and be prepared to be spiritually nourished and blessed.

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Attending the fall semester DEEP Sabbath this year was a must for me; I'm a graduating senior who had never set foot on Southern Adventist University's campus. I was interested in knowing what our sister university was like, having heard many wonderful stories about their campus, worship service and cafeteria food. So while some took the buses provided by the school, a few friends and I took the other option and drove up to Collegedale, Tennessee. We arrived a few minutes before the eleven o'clock service. The service started slightly late as we awaited the arrival of our Aeolians and University Choir. Mingling in the lobby, the first thing I noticed was the diversity. Students and adults alike represented various races: black, white, Hispanic and Asian, just to name a few. Oakwoodites greeted friends from back home and from high school days. Everyone pleasantly smiled at the new faces around them.

Once we entered the sanctuary, the congregation was told that the smaller size of the church meant that we all had to "get close" to our neighbors. Slightly nervous, everyone did as they were told with slight giggles and brief shrugs. Eventually, we got over our fears. The worship service reminded me once again of the variety offered by our denomination. The style of praise, an important part of "Black" worship, was different. Instead of the deep, soulful songs, we were led into lighter, more upbeat versions of older hymns. The Scripture was read in several different languages; aside from the usual Spanish and Creole, we also heard Korean and an Eastern European language. The Aeolians performed a rousing spiritual that had the audience on its feet. Older Oakwood students were reunited with a previous pastor, Dr. Nixon, as he admonished us to focus on loving each other above all other things in these last days. As I looked around the church once again, amazed at the beautiful blend of colors and cultures, I was struck with the thought – this is what heaven will be like!

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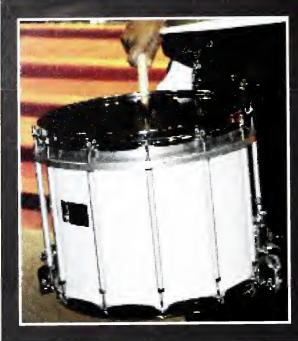
prayer meeting For those in need of a mid-week blessing...

























Minister Fred and the Stric'ly Jesus Camp have come back yet again for the third annual purity conference. The theme this year was all about how to "stand out" for Jesus, and not blend in with the rest of the world. Pastor Bernie Anderson, Charlene Cothran, and Kwame Vanderhorst held workshops on topics such as addictions, low selfesteem, and pornography. The discussions gave great insight and afterwards the final night was ended with a concert by the Stric'ly Jesus camp. Despite a last minute cancellation by the initially featured Tye Tribbet, the event was success, leaving all who attended blessed.







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Nichelle Anderson Stephon Andrews Joshua Anthony Talitha Ashby Michelle Atengdem











Andrew Baker Neko Baker Kamaria Beckley Toya Bennett Quiona Bernard











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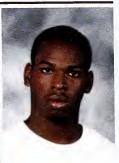
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Alison Wright Lashonda Wright Whitney Wright Angela Wynn Toinee Yarrell



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In this forest that one might call a world.

I am the tree that one girl calls me.

But I was not always that oak of a tree that that girl loves to cuddle and read a book by. I was not always that oak of a tree that protects that girl when the rains of society comes pouring down.

I was not always that oak of a tree that made music when the wind blew through my leaves.

I was once a seed.

A seed that needed love and tender care.

To become such an oak of a tree,
One would assume I got what I needed.
But what about what I wanted.
A still voice whispered through my branches
"Good things come to those who wait."
So I waited... I waited... I... waited.

As I was waiting, a flower started to grow right next to what is now me, the oak of a tree formally known as a seed.

It grew and grew until it blossomed into a beautiful sunflower.

What nice company, one might think.

But, No!

The oak of a tree is now overshadowed by a sunflower.

As animal after animal walk through the forest that one might call a world.

Compliments go out to the sunflower, and no one takes a second glance at the oak of a tree

Will I ever get what I want?

A beautiful girl walks by and sees the flower, the beautiful sunflower.

One would think they were a match made in heaven.

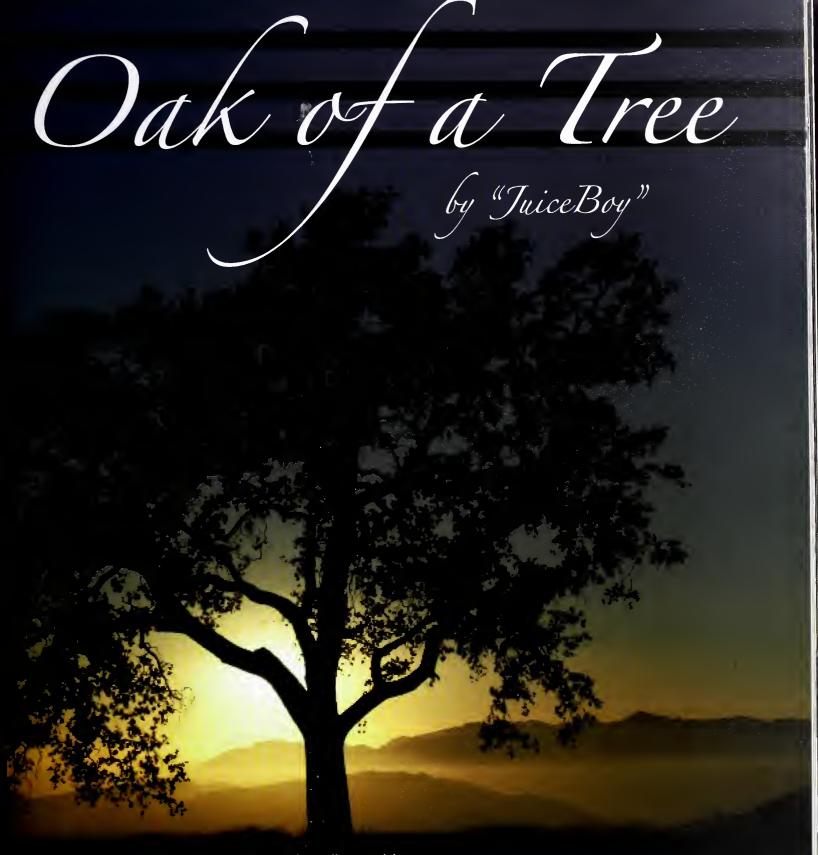
She bends over and takes a good whiff and then decides to pluck it.

I look in amazement as the girl puts it in her hair and then sits down by the oak of a tree.

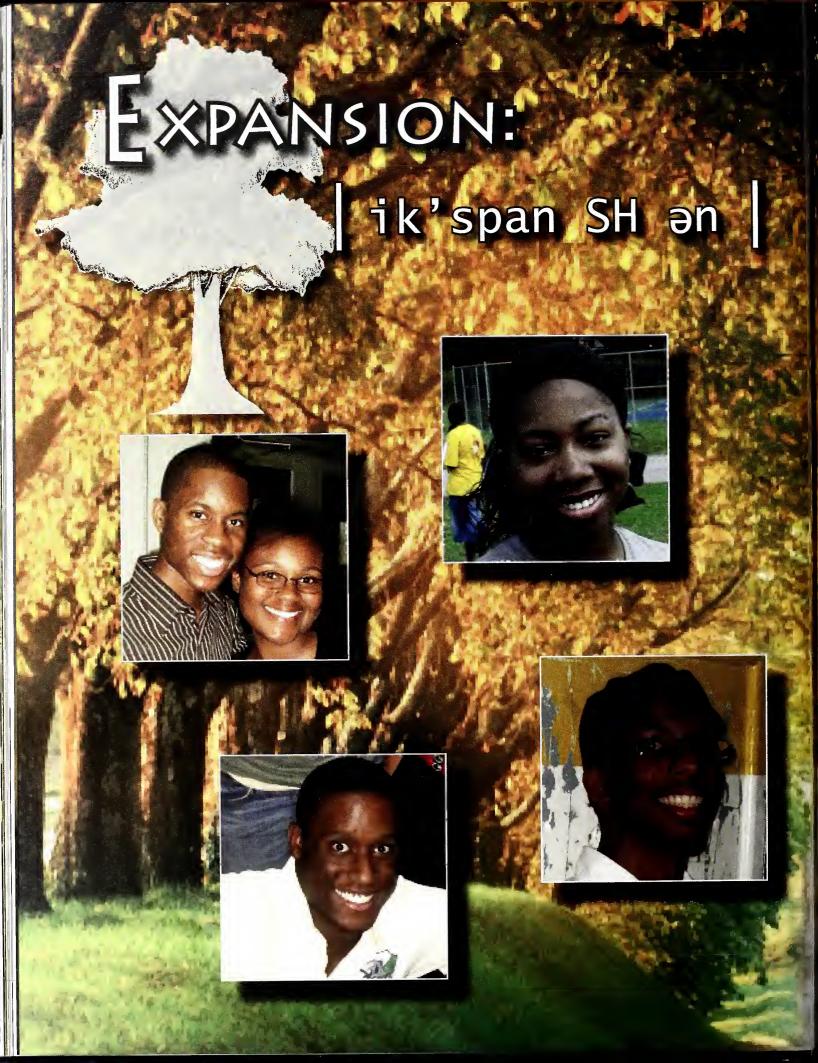
She noticed me! She noticed me!

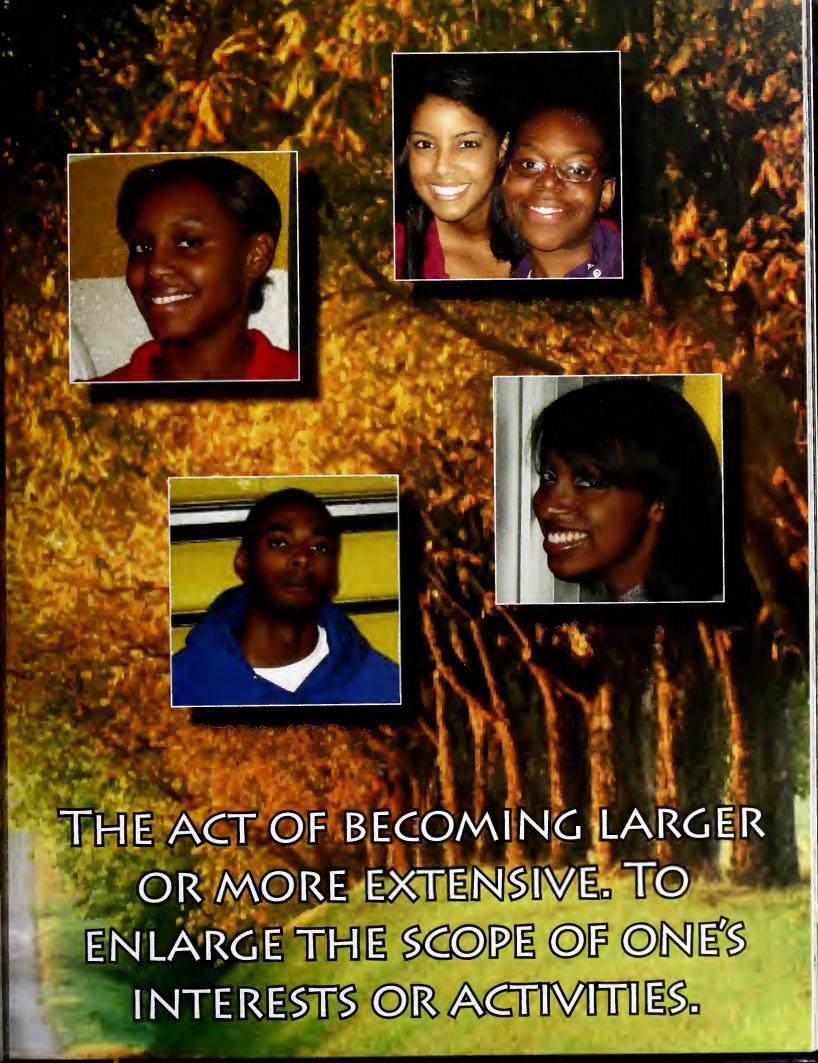
The big oak of a tree once overshadowed by a sunflower.

"What a nice place to sit down and relax" said the girl.



So now, in this forest that one might call a world
I am the tree that one girl calls me.
The oak of a tree that shall nevermore be out-shadowed by a sunflower.
The oak of a tree that shall protect and comfort this girl.
The oak of a tree that has been acknowledged
and now cared for
by this beautiful girl.





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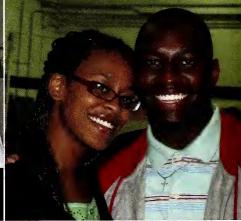
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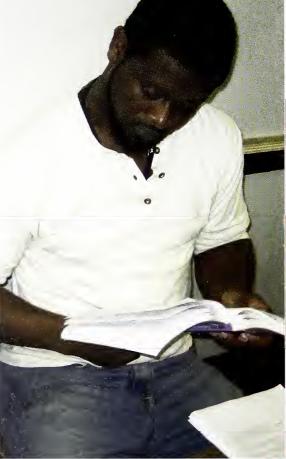
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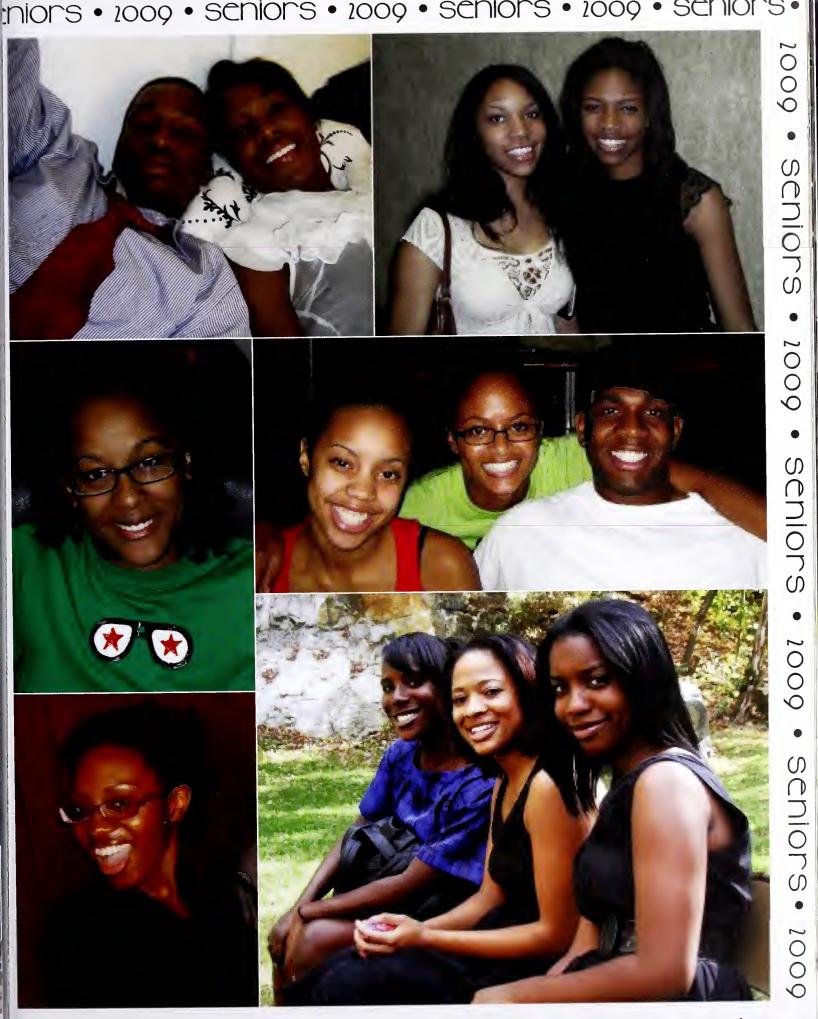








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words of wisdom...

Advice from the Senior Perspective



"Try to have all your registration done before you get down there."

- David Hill

"Stay focused and keep God First in everything you do, and beware of predators in front of Carter Hall."

- Brittany Turner

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

- Lydia Ballard

My father always told me to "Get what I came for, and GET OUT!!!"

- Matthew Adams

"Keep a record of everything, because Oakwood loses stuff."

- Britney Green

do you remember ...

A Look Back at the OU Days



"Getting a form signed on campus only to find the employees still on their three hour lunch breaks?"

- Brenton Harrison



"When the snack bar grill prices were 3 dollars and some change."

- Ra'Shonda Foster

"I am going to miss the family that I have built while I have been here at Oakwood!" - Lauren Wright

"Conrad dancing like Usher at the talent show freshmen year?"

- Bianca Barreiro

Expansion

"The Carter Hall clock?"

- Melissa Phillips



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Best All Around

Holly Carrel Eric Rumph

> Become a Millionaire Ryan Lang





Who Has Beauty and Brains
April Seay

Nicest Eyes
Joshua Humphrey



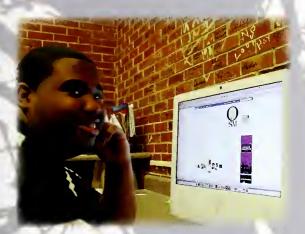


Best Hair Omari Battles Ayana Joseph

Get Into a Car Accident b/c They Are Singing

Ruth Stewart Theron Thomas





Addicted to Facebook

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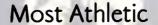






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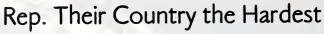
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Most Comical

Theresa Francis



Tessa Ross Trudy Frazer



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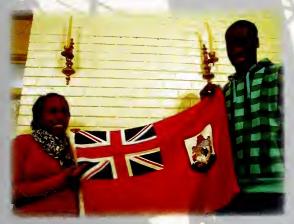
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Teiko Sims Anthony Paschal



Most Dramatic

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Amanda Campbell



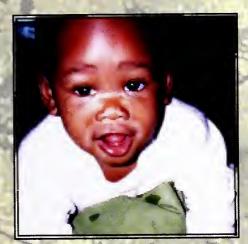
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oranching out seniors taking their first steps



Michele Monette

Working in the Child Development Lab has opened up my eyes and provided hands on experience. When I first started classes at Oakwood I planned to one day open my own daycare. Since I've begun working at the Child Development Lab my career goals have changed. I now look forward to becoming a Professor of Human Development and Family Studies. I want to teach others to really listen to the children they work with. I've met several people who don't take working with children seriously. Kids are open, honest, and smart. The saying "A little child shall lead them" really is true. I want to teach people that when you come to work you're not simply baby-sitting; This is a profession.

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Being a communications major changed my life. I came here not knowing what I wanted to do, but through some tough love and some strong guidance I find myself now with the knowledge and the resources to step out into the real world. In Burrell Hall, everything is hands on. We learn the very art of communicating, a craft that any man can learn, but one that we have chosen to master.

My department allowed the creation of a student run public relations agency, and working there has proved to be very beneficial. I have learned how to deal with the press, write for multiple audiences, and create art that can entice any eye, all with the training I received from my work in a practical environment. I'm ready for the real world because I know what the the real world is doing.

Brian Craig







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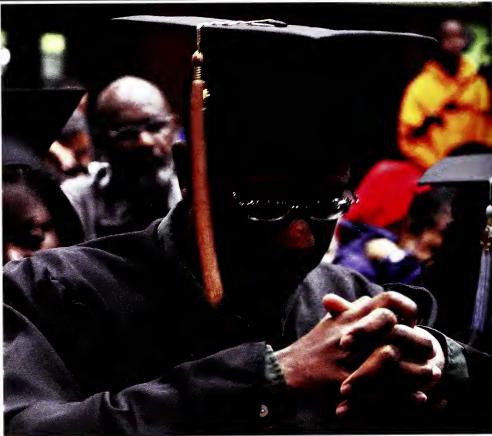


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Ever since middle school, I wanted to be a physician, and in college, I also became strongly interested in research. Dr. Alexander Volkov, one of my professors in the Department of Chemistry, allowed me to work with him right out of high school (I went to Oakwood Academy), and this early exposure to research has benefited me greatly. Because of this research experience, I was able to conduct breast cancer and small cell lung carcinoma research in New York, NY for an entire summer. The next summer, I traveled to South Africa for 10 weeks to do research in Zulu traditional medicine. This program led me to a career interest in public health research. After being published with Dr. Volkov in two scientific journals, I applied for and received a scholarship worth \$25,000 from the United Negro College Fund (UNCF) and Merck, a pharmaceutical company, and I was named a UNCF-Merck Undergraduate Fellow in 2008. This opportunity allowed me to work on a research project at Merck during the summer after my junior year and to see the impact of pharmaceutical research in medicine. I will return to Merck after my graduation from OU for a second internship, and I will begin medical school in the fall. These research experiences have shown me the medical breakthroughs that can be made through the study and application of the basic sciences. I intend to continue my research involvement in the future as a medical student and as a future physician-scientist.

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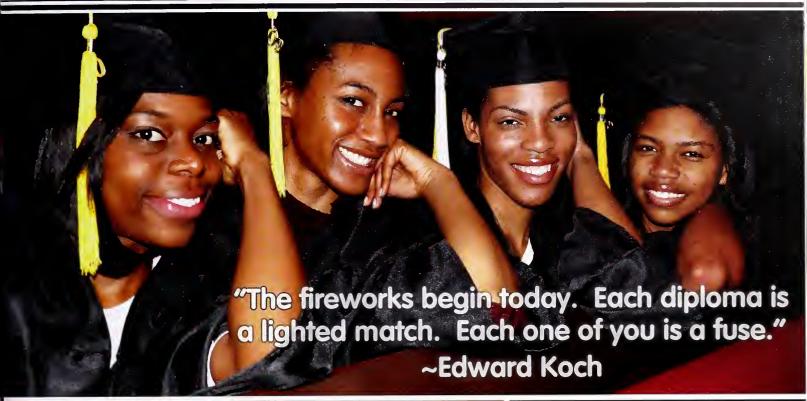




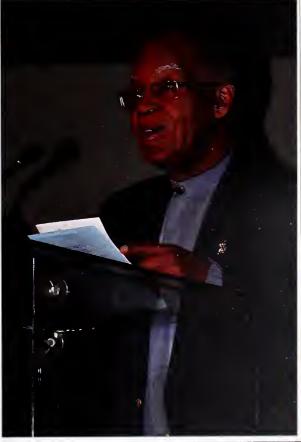


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They say that your college years are the best you'll ever have. Life thereafter becomes more predictable, and spontaneous events such as weekend road trips become treasured memories of the past. Ten years from now when I'm settled into my career and family life, I wonder which Oakwood memories will still linger in my mind. I don't think I could ever forget freshman orientation...I mean who could forget standing in that line! Then there were the orientation groups we were divided into according to the first letters of our last names. (Shout out to my "Q-R's")! After the day's festivities! were over, everyone got acquainted by asking the three magic questions: "What's your name? Where you from? What's your major?" Meeting our classmates for the first time was magical because we never quite knew where those friendships would lead. During that first week of orientation some people met their soul mates; others met friends they'll keep foreve I remember the good ol'days at Carter hall dormitory when you knew every body that lived on your floor. During the day everyone kept their doors open and every other night was movie night. Sophomore year was great although Wade just wasn't like Carter. Then along came junior year; Core classes replaced general requirements and free time flew out the window. I don't know exactly when it happened, but suddenly everyone was busy! Weekends became a precious commodi because the week was a blur of tests, papers, and deadlines. Freshens became Sandella's, OC became OU, and we became seniors. I can scarcely believe it all happened so fast. Looking back over it all leaves me with a wistful smile. I know life for me has just begun and future memories await creation, yet I must pause and acknowledge a cherished chapter of my life which will soon be over. I consider myself highly blessed and favored. Years and years from now when Oakwood memorie of 05-09 are revisited I'll be able to say, "I was there, I remember."

Tessa Ross

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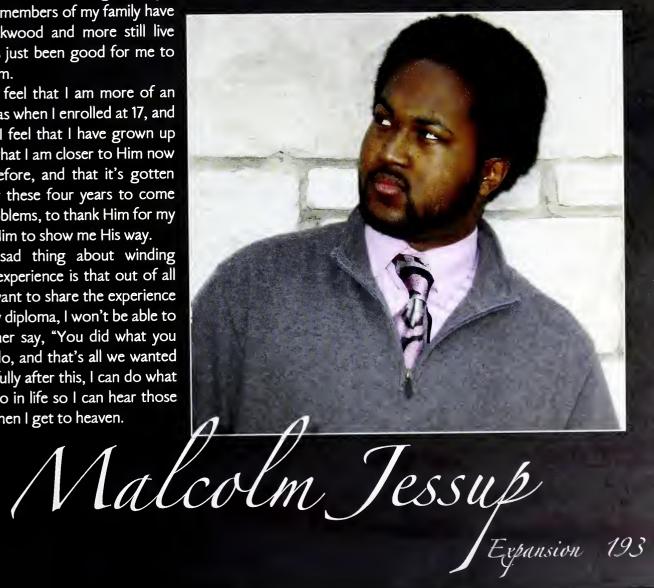
My first year as a freshman at Oakwood, I wasn't as excited as my dad had wanted me to be, but he insisted that I come down here. He even did the same thing that his father had done with him when he had left his kids: I had received a brand new 4 piece luggage set and all my books were brought. My father checked me into the dorm, got me a job on campus, and then went around and met all my teachers. After the initial ceremonies, he pulled me over by the car and told me the exact words that grandpa had told him when he had left him at Oakwood: Study hard, do your best, think before you do, and remember that God loves you and so do we (the family). With that he hugged me and, left me with a hundred dollars, and pulled off.

Fast forward to the present, as I look back on at my last semester at Oakwood, that day often comes up in my mind amongst the other things that a senior like me isn't suppose to forget when it comes to graduation. Things like making sure you have all your classes in and that your grades are good. I think back on that day wondering if I have truly lived up to the expectations that I and my family had for me. I find myself being able to answer about 90% of those questions with a yes, but then I start to think back on what my grandfather had told me all those years ago about what I will experience when I get here. As it turns out, every aspect of which he said I'd experience, I did. I have received a good education, made lifetime friends, and met the girl of my dreams (to the best of my knowledge). I also have gotten in touch with

my roots; so many members of my family have come through Oakwood and more still live in the south; it has just been good for me to reconnect with them.

Lastly, I do feel that I am more of an adult now then I was when I enrolled at 17, and most importantly, I feel that I have grown up in the Lord. I feel that I am closer to Him now than I ever was before, and that it's gotten easier for me over these four years to come to him with my problems, to thank Him for my blessings and ask Him to show me His way.

The only sad thing about winding down my college experience is that out of all the people that I want to share the experience of me receiving my diploma, I won't be able to hear my grandfather say, "You did what you were suppose to do, and that's all we wanted of you". So hopefully after this, I can do what I'm supposed to do in life so I can hear those words from him when I get to heaven.





Fellow Classmates,

The much anticipated culmination of our time here at Oakwood University has come. We started our journey off with the end in view not realizing the juicy details of the in between. It seems like just yesterday when we entered to learn with the ever present realization that one day we would be departing to serve. Each of us has fond memories that we will take with us as we leave this place that we have called home for the past few years. Retrospectively, our senior year is proof f<mark>or us that th</mark>ere is no such thing as the impossible. We have seen the impossible become possible, the status quo transform into desired change, and the unattainable attained. Oakwood University Class of 2009, our attainment of the impossible has already started. As we leave this campus with graduation caps on our heads and university diplomas in our hands, let us remember that is now our duty to serve. We are departing to serve humanity giving all glory to God as we take this world by force. Remember, no dream is too big, no mountain is too high because we serve a God who constantly reminds us, "Yes, We Can!"

"With men it is impossible, but not with God: for with God all things are possible." Mark 10: 27

Michelle V. Spencer 2009 Senior Class President



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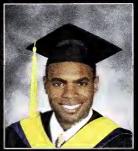
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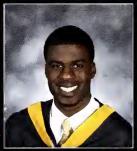
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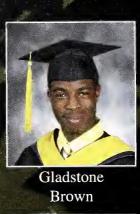
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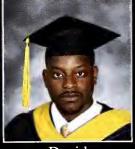
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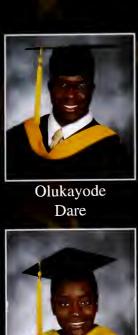
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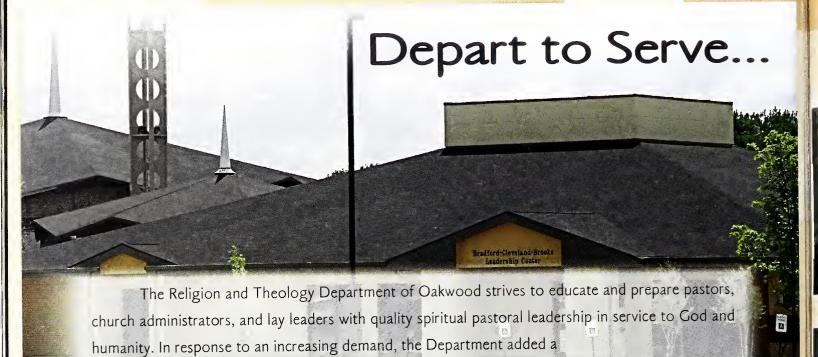
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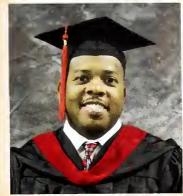
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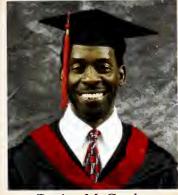
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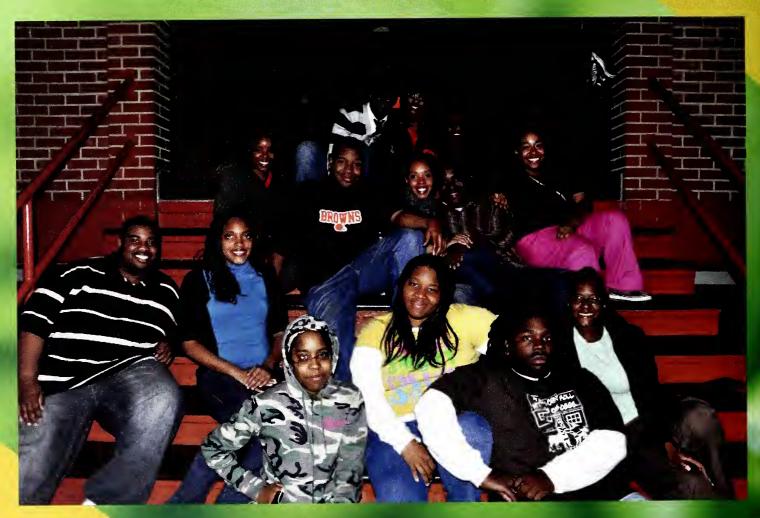
Upon reaching the end of our journeys and the heights of our growth here at Oakwood, what is there left to do? We've adapted as acorns, and risen as seedlings. As young trees we've stretched our limbs and roots, and now as great Oaks we have risen against the odds. The only thing left to do is to continue growing towards Christ, and to foster the growth of those around us. As we leave these grounds, let us to never forget what brought us this far, and always remember to...

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This is my second year serving as Oakwood's "Yearbook Girl", and though I have one years experience under my belt, it's still proven to be the hardest work I've ever done. None of it could have been completed without the help of our dedicated staff, my amazing co-editor, and the grace of God. It's hard to imagine that after graduation, I'll be out of a "job," but all's well that ends well. I'll be sure to take all the experience I've gained during my time here and put it to good use. One thing for sure is that the memories we 've made working in the office and the one's we've captured within the pages of this book, are irreplacebale. It's been fun. Thanks for the opportunity. Enjoy.

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This year has been a test of my patience, my willpower, and my ability to handle a multitude of tasks. As a third year staff member, I've seen the good and bad that can happen within the process of creating a yearbook. This year had a share of all of that. My only regret is that I would have devoted more time to the book. However, each spread, picture, relationship, laugh, and second spent with these people, I will never forget, and will cherish forever. I thank those who have stuck with me since the beginning, and I only pray that those who I'm passing the torch to next year will exceed that which we have done this year.

I'm done. Peace love and happiness. The man with the camera. Yours. Ivey.









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